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The Honorable James Comer
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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

We write to request that you convene an immediate hearing on the Trump Administration's plans for the United States Postal Service (USPS). Since the Committee's most recent hearing on the USPS, the Trump Administration has reportedly explored privatizing the USPS, firing the bipartisan Postal Board of Governors, merging the USPS into the Department of Commerce, and is now subjecting the USPS, America's most trusted federal institution, to the chainsaw approach of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). This broad assault on the independence of the USPS demands Congressional oversight, especially from the Committee with jurisdiction over the USPS.

On December 14, 2024, the Washington Post reported that the President Trump was considering actions to privatize the USPS and push thousands of federal service employees out of their jobs in favor of a broad privatization of the agency's essential services.¹ Two months later, further reporting noted that President Trump was preparing plans to fire the bipartisan Postal Board of Governors and "merge" the Postal Service into the Commerce Department, "potentially throwing the 250-year-old mail provider and trillions of dollars of e-commerce transactions into turmoil."²

On March 13, 2025, you received a letter from Postmaster General Louis DeJoy acknowledging an agreement he signed with "DOGE representatives" and the General Services Administration to assist the USPS in "identifying and achieving further efficiencies."³ This agreement apparently includes plans for a "further reduction of another 10,000 people in the next 30 days" and a "reduction in air transportation, ground transportation, terminal handling

¹ *Trump eyes privatizing U.S. Postal Service citing financial losses*, The Washington Post (Dec. 14, 2024) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/business/2024/12/14/trump-usps-privatize-plan/).

² *Trump expected to take control of the USPS, fire postal board, officials say*, The Washington Post, (Feb. 21, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/02/20/trump-usps-takeover-dejoy/); *Donald Trump Says He's Considering Taking Control of U.S. Postal Service*, USA Today (Feb. 21, 2025) (online at www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2025/02/21/trump-considering-taking-control-postal-service/79461603007/).

³ Letter from Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to The Honorable James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, et al. (Mar. 13, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-oversight.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/pmg-dejoy-to-congressional-leaders_3.13.2025.pdf).

facilities” through “operating contract terminations, and lease cancellations.”⁴ These are, of course, the principal means through which critical mail services such as medication, bills, ballots, parcels, and letters are delivered across the nation to serve the public. The agreement also signals the Postmaster General’s interest in gutting the Congressionally-authorized Postal Regulatory Commission, potentially allowing rates, rulemaking, and other actions to favor certain industries, individuals, and regions at the expense of the network’s operational needs and universal service obligation.

This back-room agreement between the billionaire-led DOGE and Postmaster DeJoy sets off alarm bells about this Administration’s plans for the Postal Service’s role as a cornerstone public institution. The Postal Service facilitates the delivery of more than 115 billion pieces of mail each year, a significant portion of which is delivered to rural, low-income, and hard-to-reach areas that would not otherwise receive service if not for the universal service obligation, which has received bipartisan support in Congress and is integral to the mission of Postal Service.⁵

When Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi requested in the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform’s February 25, 2025, hearing, that you hold a public hearing on these pressing issues, you replied:

Ranking Member Connolly and I have demonstrated that we want to support the Postal Service, when we find out more, we will do something—immediately have a briefing, a subcommittee hearing or a full committee hearing.⁶

We agree that there are steps Congress could take to strengthen the financial sustainability of the Postal Service, but any potential deal that would give Elon Musk and his DOGE associates unilateral authority to manipulate the most critical, expansive national mail network on the planet is deeply troubling. Such an agreement signed between the Postmaster General and DOGE associates would threaten access to affordable and reliable postal service for millions of American families and businesses.

We request that you convene a public full Committee hearing at the earliest possible opportunity to evaluate the Administration’s plans for the USPS. We also have prepared a letter to send to the Postmaster General requesting that he immediately provide this Committee with all signed agreements he made on March 12, 2025, with the General Services Administration and DOGE. We request that you join Committee Democrats on this letter to ensure the transparency and accountability of the Postal Service.

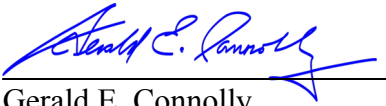
Thank you for your prompt attention on the matter.

⁴ *Id.*

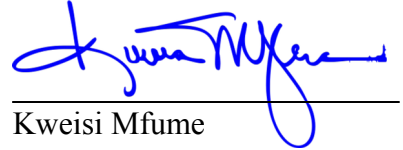
⁵ United States Postal Service, *A Decade of Facts & Figures* (online at <http://facts.usps.com/table-facts/>) (accessed Mar. 14, 2025).

⁶ YouTube, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, *Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi Urges Oversight Committee to Hold Hearing on Trump’s Handling of the USPS* (Feb. 25, 2025) (online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Puoy7CxD-A).

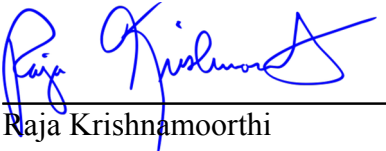
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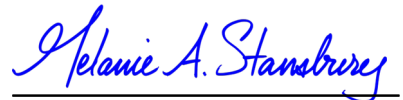
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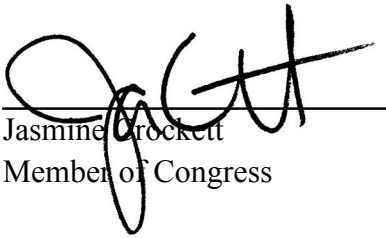
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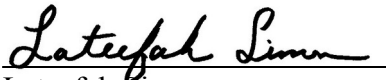
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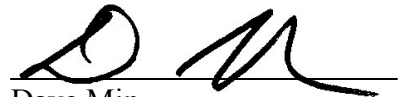
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