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March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House H-232, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune Senate Majority Leader 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20002

The Honorable James Comer Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform 2410 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries House Minority Leader 2433 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer Senate Minority Leader 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20002

The Honorable Gerald Connolly Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform 2265 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

## **Re: Request for a Congressional Hearing Prior to the Elimination or Marginalization of the Postal Regulatory Commission**

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Jeffries, Minority Leader Schumer, Chair Comer, and Ranking Member Connolly:

I write to bring your attention to a potential overstepping of constitutional authority by DOGE and the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) against the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC).

The PRC is an independent agency established by the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 to provide oversight of the USPS. Recently, the PRC and the head of the USPS, Postmaster Louis DeJoy, have engaged in a dispute over Postmaster DeJoy's execution of his reorganization of the USPS. Earlier this year, the PRC released an advisory opinion stating that this reorganization "is irreversibly changing its network without laying a foundation for success," and that the reorganization is downgrading service for a significant portion of America.

Many of my constituents experienced the adverse impact of this reorganization when mail delivery was disrupted in the Houston area this past winter. There were instances of time sensitive medication and critical business products being lost in the tracking system. Mailed packages were said to be bounced between sorting facilities and delayed for months.

Postmaster DeJoy recently sent you a letter claiming that the PRC, which was designed to oversee the actions of the USPS and protect Americans, is a barrier to a more efficient and effective

postal service and is unnecessary. He has further indicated that he will work with DOGE to eliminate inefficiencies.

Given that two Congressionally created agencies are at loggerheads, it would be injudicious to eliminate the one that provides oversight without Congressional approval. Congress should not allow its mandated watchdog to be extinguished or marginalized without weighing in. I propose that Congress hold a hearing before its watchdog is DOGEd.

Should you require additional information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Scott Bell, by email at <u>Scott.Bell@mail.house.gov</u> or phone at (202) 225-7508.

Sincerely,

Al Green Member of Congress

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