



## **Robert G. Taub, Chairman (R)**

Robert G. Taub was designated Chairman upon his reappointment as a Commissioner on December 12, 2016, for a second term, following his nomination by President Barack Obama and confirmation by the United States Senate. At the time of his designation and reappointment, he had been serving as Acting Chairman since December 4, 2014. He was sworn in as Commissioner in October 2011, following his nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the United States Senate. The Commission elected him Vice Chairman for calendar year 2013. Chairman Taub has more than 30 years of experience in public service. When first appointed as a Commissioner, Mr. Taub had been the Special Assistant to Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh since October 2009. In this role as an Army Department senior executive, he was one of the principal civilian advisors to Secretary McHugh, helping him oversee a workforce of more than 1.2 million people, and manage an annual budget over \$200 billion. He was awarded the Army's Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service.

Before his appointment to the Army, Mr. Taub served as Chief of Staff to U.S. Representative John M. McHugh (R-NY) for the preceding decade. As Chief of Staff, he oversaw the day-to-day operations of Representative McHugh's staff and offices in Washington, D.C. and Northern New York State. In a variety of leadership roles on the U.S. House Oversight & Government Reform Committee for 12 years, Mr. Taub also worked closely with Congressman McHugh on matters relating to the nation's postal and delivery sector. He crafted Representative McHugh's legislation for modernizing America's postal laws for the first time since 1970, culminating in passage of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act in 2006. Mr. Taub also helped Representative McHugh conduct hearings and investigations into postal operations that ultimately led to the enactment of a dozen other postal laws.

During his tenure in public office, Mr. Taub has addressed numerous national and regional conventions of postal employee organizations, mailing industry groups, and government and academic conferences both in the U.S. and abroad, on issues confronting the postal sector. The Inspector General of the U.S. Postal Service, postal employee unions, and mailing industry associations and nonprofits have all recognized Mr. Taub with several awards and honors.

Prior to his time with the House of Representatives, Mr. Taub worked for eight years at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress. As a senior policy analyst, Mr. Taub planned and directed evaluations for the Congress on environmental, banking, energy, and defense issues. Previous to his position with the GAO, Mr. Taub worked as a staff member for three different Members of Congress, a Member of the British Parliament, and state and county officials in upstate New York.

A native of Gloversville, New York, Mr. Taub earned an M.A. in Political Science, with a concentration in American politics, and a B.S. in Political Science with Honors, both from American University in Washington, D.C. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.