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March 12, 2021

The Honorable Ron Bloom
Chairman
United States Postal Service Board of Governors
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Chairman Bloom:

Enclosed are post-hearing questions that have been directed to you and submitted to the official record for the hearing that was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, titled "Legislative Proposals to Put the Postal Service on Sustainable Financial Footing."

To ensure a complete hearing record, please return your written response to the Subcommittee on or before Friday, March 26, 2021, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Amy Stratton, Deputy Clerk, at Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform

cc: The Honorable James R. Comer, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform

**Questions for The Honorable Ron Bloom
Chairman, United States Postal Service Board of Governors**

Questions from Chairman Gerald E. Connolly, Subcommittee on Government Operations

February 24, 2021, Hearing: “Legislative Proposals to Put the Postal Service on Sustainable
Financial Footing”

1. How will you ensure that any hike in rates will not result in reducing the customer base and harming the Postal Service’s long-term financial viability, when mailers seek alternatives to using the Postal Service?
2. Less than a week after this hearing, Postmaster General DeJoy introduced sweeping operation reforms to the Postal Service, including offering buyouts to staff and consolidating regions.¹ Were you informed of and allowed to provide input on these changes?
3. Did you encourage Mr. DeJoy to heed the findings of two inspector general reports that criticized his failure to engage Congress prior to making sweeping operational changes?²
4. Did Mr. DeJoy engage affected stakeholders when developing these operational changes? Please explain your response.
5. What was the Board of Governors’ role in helping to develop, vet, and oversee the implementation of these operational changes?
6. What is your responsibility as both a Member and Chairman of the Postal Board of Governors in addressing the unprecedented service standards failures plaguing the Postal Service?
7. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Postal Service has continued to discuss reducing postal services from six days per week to five. I have introduced H. Res. 114 to have Congress urge the Postal Service not to reduce delivery days, which would slow down delivery and increase the cost of postal services. How can you ensure that a shorter postal delivery schedule would not result in longer delivery times and more need for overtime pay to compensate for the shorter

¹ United States Postal Service, *U.S. Postal Service Announces Next Phase of Organizational Changes Begun in August 2020* (Mar. 3, 2021) (online at about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2021/0303-usps-announces-next-phase-of-organizational-changes-begun-in-august-2020.htm).

² Office of Inspector General, United States Postal Service, *Operational Changes to Mail Delivery* (Oct. 19, 2020) (online at www.uspsoig.gov/sites/default/files/document-library-files/2020/20-292-R21.pdf); Office of Inspector General, United States Postal Service, *Deployment of Operational Changes* (Nov. 6, 2020) (online at www.uspsoig.gov/sites/default/files/document-library-files/2020/21-014-R21.pdf).

delivery week?

8. How does the recent \$482 million Postal Service contract for a modern delivery vehicle fleet ensure that the fleet is electric or hybrid?