



The Coalition to
Protect America's Small Sellers

March 17, 2026

Honorable Pete Sessions, Chairman
Honorable Kweisi Mfume, Ranking Member
Government Operations Subcommittee
The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Sessions and Ranking Member Mfume:

On behalf of the Coalition to Protect America's Small Sellers (PASS Coalition) — whose members include Etsy, eBay, Poshmark, OfferUp, Mercari, and Whatnot — platforms used by millions of Americans to buy and sell goods, an overwhelming majority of which use the U.S. Postal Service to send or receive their products, we appreciate you holding a hearing on March 17, 2026 entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service: The Financial Future Under Postmaster General Steiner.”

Ensuring that the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) remains financially solvent is a critically important issue, not just to the individuals and small businesses who use the Postal Service for logistics and fulfillment of their eCommerce sales, but to the millions of Americans who rely on the Postal Service to deliver their parcels and mail. However, the PASS Coalition is concerned that a recently proposed USPS rule that, if implemented as currently written, would impose unfair costs on the millions of small sellers and rural entrepreneurs who depend on USPS as their primary shipping carrier. Ultimately, these undue compliance costs and burdens would drive away business from the Postal Service, worsening the financial outlook of the USPS writ large.

The proposed "Parcel Dimension Compliance" rule (Docket No. 2026–00131) would require shippers to report exact parcel dimensions for all sub-one-cubic-foot commercial packages in electronic manifests, with a \$3.00 noncompliance fee for inaccurate data. The fundamental problem with this proposal is that USPS does not use dimensional data to determine postage for these packages — they are priced by weight. A seller can pay fully correct postage and still be penalized for a dimensional reporting error that had no bearing on what they owed. That is not a reasonable basis for a fee.

The sellers that are most at risk by this rule are the ones least equipped to comply. While, large retailers and fulfillment networks already use automated dimensioning systems that capture this data without human intervention, small sellers assembling the package at their kitchen table, or in a garage or local storefront rely on manual measurements. Furthermore, many use poly mailers and padded envelopes that are genuinely difficult to measure with precision, and they generate labels through third-party platforms that do not currently transmit dimensional data. For a seller shipping a \$10 item with \$4–5 in postage, a \$3 fee represents a 30% or greater increase in their fulfillment cost. For rural sellers who have no practical alternative to USPS, there is no fallback.



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USPS has proposed implementing this noncompliance fee as soon as July 12, 2026, providing sellers little time to adjust to this significant yet barely known change. Accordingly, we urge Congress to ensure that USPS does not move forward with this rule until it has completed a comprehensive impact assessment on how this rule would impact small businesses and rural shippers. The small business and rural economies must be afforded ample time to adapt to this rule and determine the best ways to comply.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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