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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Financial Services and General Government
Subcommittee
House Appropriations Committee
2000 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Ranking Member
Financial Service and General Government
Subcommittee
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Hoyer,

I write to respectfully request that the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee hold a hearing in the upcoming months on the United States Postal Service (USPS) and invite Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, along with any other USPS leadership you deem appropriate, to testify before the subcommittee.

I recently sent the enclosed letter to Postmaster General DeJoy outlining ongoing delays and disruptions to mail delivery and postal services in my district, and inviting him to visit Wisconsin to hear from affected residents firsthand. My office has heard from residents in the district who have been frustrated by significant delays in their mail delivery which has affected their ability to receive paychecks and Social Security checks on time, pay their bills, and receive lifesaving prescription medications, jeopardizing their health, safety, and well-being.

What is particularly notable is the fact that constituent outreach regarding these issues has increased exponentially over the course of the past year, and it has become clear that the problems are only worsening as time goes by. In fact, it was recently reported by WMTV 15 News that residents of several condominium communities have gone up to an entire week without receiving any mail at all.¹ This is simply unacceptable. While I am hopeful that Postmaster General DeJoy will accept my invitation and take seriously the concerns of my constituents, I also believe that we cannot simply hope for improvements, but also have a responsibility to exercise our oversight authority of the USPS as members of the House Appropriations Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee.

The Postal Service is a vital lifeline for millions of Americans across the country, and although the agency has faced financial difficulties for some time, Postmaster General DeJoy's tenure has brought an increased level of instability that cannot go unaddressed by Congress. To that end, I

¹ <https://www.wmtv15news.com/2024/01/18/madison-eastsiders-upset-after-it-takes-usps-one-week-deliver-their-mail/>

strongly urge you to include an oversight hearing on the United States Postal Service in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations hearing schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your leadership on this subcommittee. I look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', with a stylized circular flourish at the end.

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress