

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 26, 2025

Deputy Postmaster General Doug Tulino
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Deputy Postmaster General Doug Tulino,

We write to express our strong opposition to the recently announced plan to cut 10,000 workers from the United States Postal Service (USPS) within 30 days through a voluntary early retirement program, which appears to stem from USPS's agreement with the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and the General Services Administration (GSA).¹ We strongly urge you to immediately halt the implementation of this plan and provide Congress with all details of your reported agreement with DOGE.

The primary role of the USPS is to offer reliable and affordable mail and package delivery to all addresses in the United States, serving both urban and rural areas. Unfortunately, under former Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's leadership, postal service slowdowns, workforce reductions, and rising costs for Americans have significantly eroded public trust. His "Delivering for America Plan" has failed to address these ongoing issues and made things worse—creating bipartisan frustration among members of Congress who repeatedly hear from constituents about the problems they face with the USPS. Furthermore, the USPS is already facing staffing shortages due to low wages, difficult working conditions, and operational changes that have overburdened employees. Given the consistently poor performance of the USPS under DeJoy's leadership, it is absurd to entertain further workforce reductions in any conversation around improving "efficiency."

Since the start of the second Trump Administration, Elon Musk's DOGE has sought to wreak havoc within the federal government—undermining and even dismantling critical agencies, slashing essential programs and funding, and prioritizing corporate interests over those of the American people. These actions have not only weakened the integrity of government institutions, but have also jeopardized the livelihoods of millions of Americans. The USPS is an independent agency of the executive branch for a reason, and it is your responsibility as Deputy Postmaster General to protect it from the kind of destruction that we have already seen DOGE inflict on other agencies.

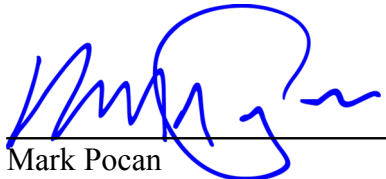
Again, we strongly urge you to immediately halt the recently announced plan to reduce the USPS workforce by 10,000 workers through the Voluntary Early Retirement program. Cutting such a large portion of the workforce risks further degrading service, especially in rural and underserved communities, and worsening conditions for those postal service workers who remain. The Postal

¹ [USPS says it will work with DOGE on reform, including workforce cuts](#)

Service is a fundamental institution that millions of Americans depend on daily, and its future should not be dictated by reckless policies under DOGE. We urge you to work with Congress on solutions that strengthen the USPS without jeopardizing the quality of its service or the wellbeing of its workforce.

We look forward to your response and cooperation.

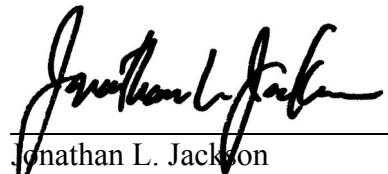
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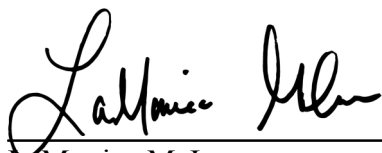
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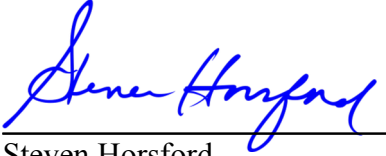
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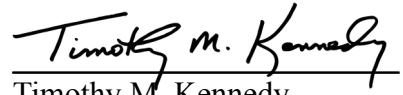
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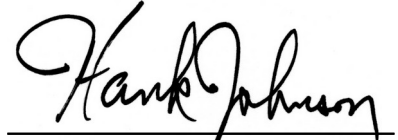
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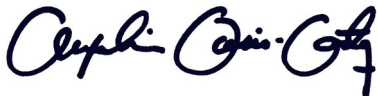
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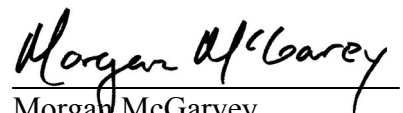
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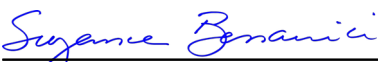
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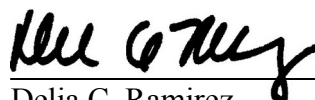
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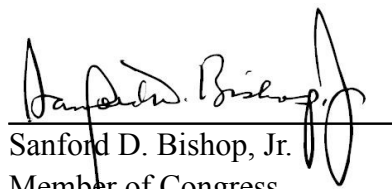
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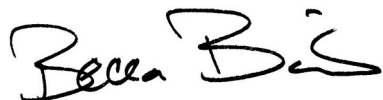
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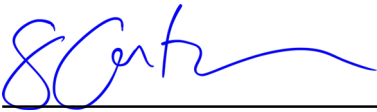
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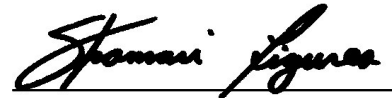
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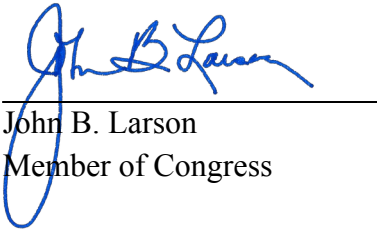
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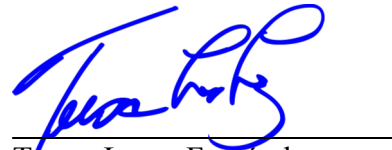
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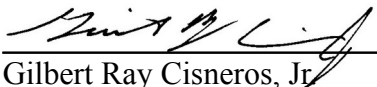
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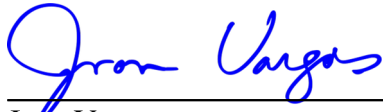
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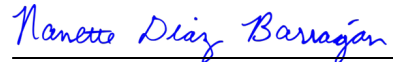
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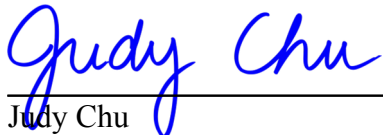
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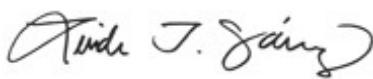
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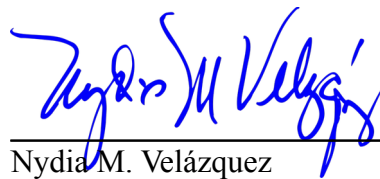
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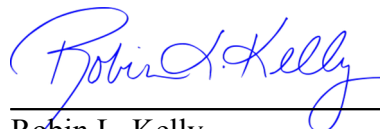
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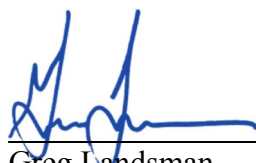
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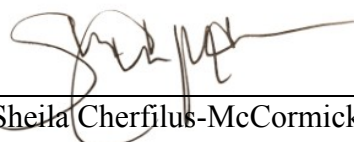
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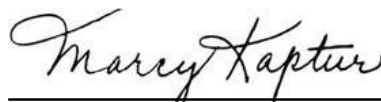
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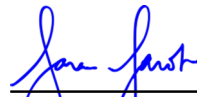
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