

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 14, 2011

Patrick R. Donahoe  
United States Postmaster General  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe:

The undersigned members of the U.S. House of Representatives write to oppose any action that would allow or encourage the United States Postal Service (USPS) to break labor agreements, resulting in the termination of up to 220,000 postal positions by 2015, recognizing that 100,000 of the 220,000 workers may leave employment through normal attrition. Our national unemployment rate remains at a staggering 9.1 percent. If ever, now is not the time to consider action that would result in hundreds of thousands of displaced workers.

We acknowledge the significant decline in business and the extraordinary budget deficit threatening the solvency of the USPS. Difficult decisions must be made to sustain postal services and support the postal service workforce. However, by no means will we agree to take unprecedented action to dismantle labor agreements that protect postal workers. Such action would send a dismissive message to an already suffering national workforce and deliver a weakening blow to the national labor movement. For these reasons, we will stand with the USPS workforce and oppose action to break labor agreements.

Sincerely,



Marcia L. Fudge



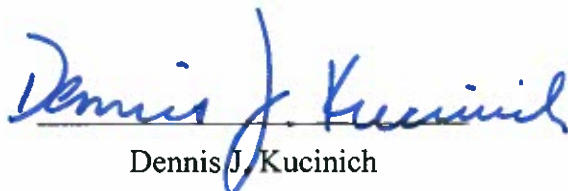
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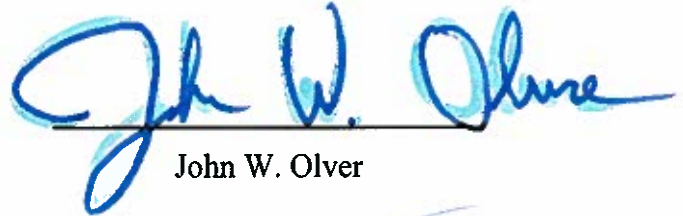
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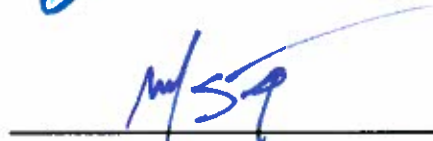
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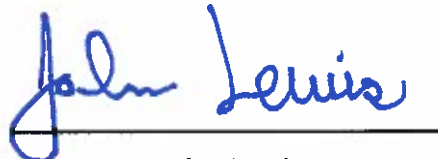
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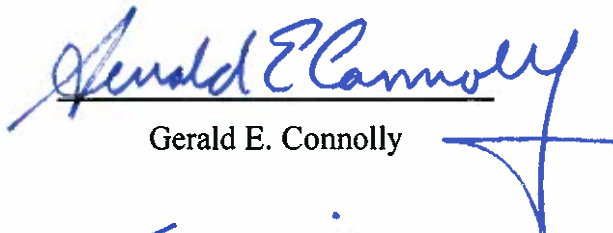
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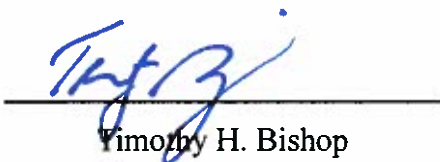
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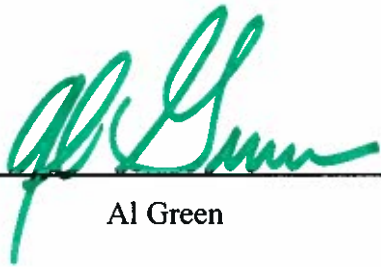
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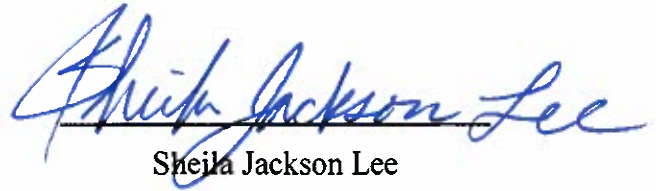
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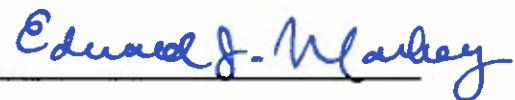
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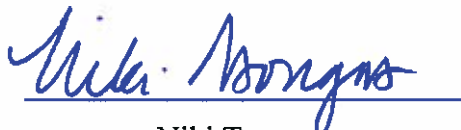
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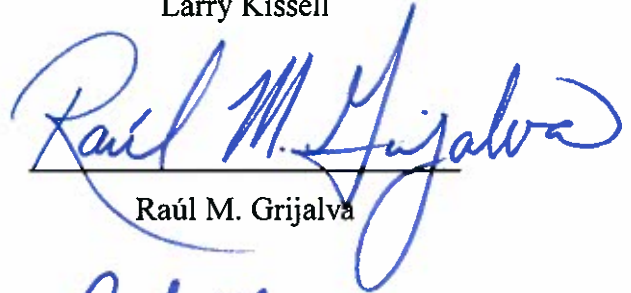
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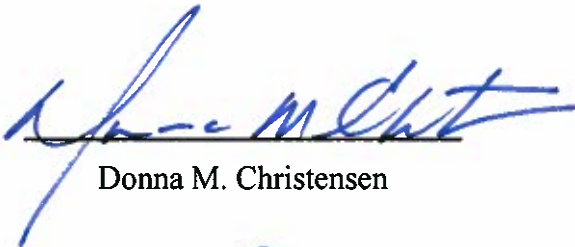
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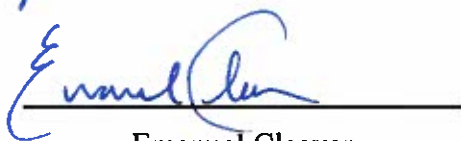
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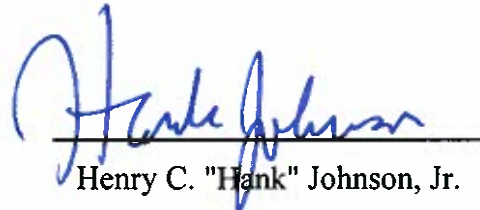
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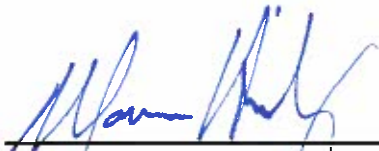
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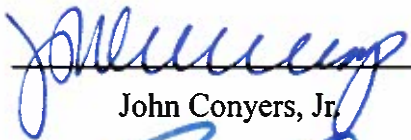
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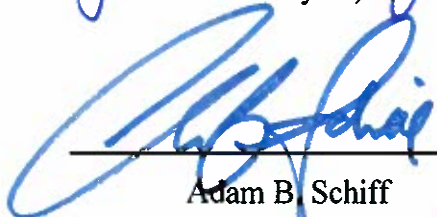
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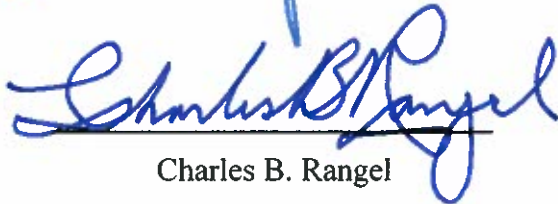
  
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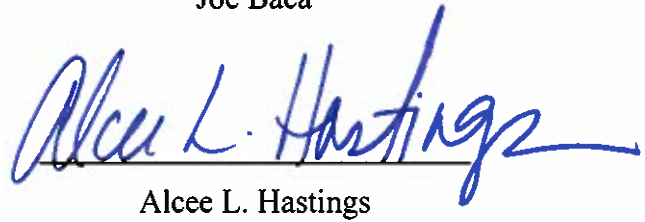
  
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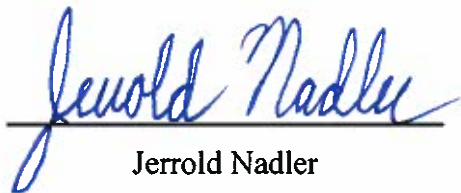
  
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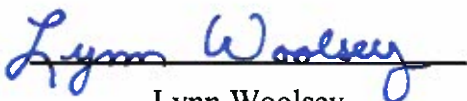
  
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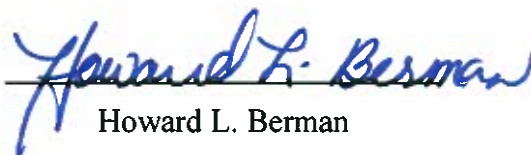
  
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