

National Postal Mail Handlers Union

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The Honorable Gary Peters, Chairman Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Rob Portman, Ranking Member Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Portman:

On behalf of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, I write to endorse the nominations of Ron Stroman, Amber McReynolds, and Anton Hajjar to the United States Postal Service Board of Governors.

As you are aware, the USPS Board of Governors plays a vital role in determining the policy to carry out the duties of the Postal Service, ensuring its sustainability. With their backgrounds with the Postal Service, postal union, and voter initiatives, the nominees would be valuable resources to the Board.

With a career of over thirty years working on postal issues as a staffer within Congress and then as Deputy Postmaster General, Ron Stroman has keen insights on avenues to a sustainable future for the Postal Service. NPMHU appreciated working with Mr. Stroman when he was the Deputy PMG, and we look forward to working with him as a member of the Board of Governors.

The postal workforce is unique not only from the private sector, but also our federal counterparts. Our bargaining rights are different, and our employee characteristics vary from the federal workforce. As he served as the counsel for the American Postal Workers Union, Anton Hajjar brings necessary experience of working with postal unions and an understanding of what the workforce needs to be fully successful and meet the demands of postal customers.

The United States Postal Service saw unprecedented participation in voting by mail this election season. With over 135 million postal ballots processed and delivered, 97.9% of which were within 3 days and 99.7% within 5 days, voters discovered the convenience of vote-by-mail and many local election boards are expecting greater use of mail-in ballots even after the pandemic is over. As CEO of the Vote At Home Institute, Amber McReynolds provides first-hand knowledge to ensure successful and secure mail-in elections.

I urge the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to vote in favor of these nominees, and move them to the floor for a full Senate vote as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Hogrogian, National President National Postal Mail Handlers Union