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Dear Chairman Neal and Chairman Pallone:

On behalf of more than a half million hard-working employees of the United States Postal Service, we write to urge you to direct the appropriate staff of the Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce Committees to finalize the text of the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 (H.R. 3076), which was referred to your committee earlier this year.

In May, H.R. 3076 was adopted by the Committee on Oversight and Reform by a unanimous voice vote, reflecting a carefully constructed and broadly bipartisan consensus on measures to bring financial stability to the Postal Service. Among them are provisions to repeal the misguided mandate that requires the agency to pre-fund decades' worth of future retiree health benefits – as called for by the USPS Fairness Act (H.R. 695 and S. 145) -- and to maximize participation in Medicare by postal retirees.

The legislation has the unanimous support of the USPS Board of Governors and the full backing of all the mailing industry's major stakeholders, including our unions, the postal management associations, and the major trade associations. H.R. 3076's companion bill in the Senate (S. 1720) has more than a dozen co-sponsors in both major parties. After 15 long years of debate, it is time for Congress to enact this vital postal reform bill.

We appreciate your recent commitment to take up postal reform as soon as the committee's work on the President's Build Back Better agenda is completed. We urge you and your staff to review the elements in H.R. 3076 that affect programs within your committee's jurisdiction as soon as possible to ensure that it can be adopted by the House of Representatives before the end of the year.

Advancing the Postal Reform Act of 2021 is the best way for your committee to support the members we represent and all the employees USPS employs. It is also essential to protecting the U.S. Postal Service, a national treasure and a vital part of our nation's economic and social infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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