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Dear Chairman Omas:

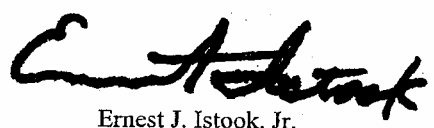
I write to you out of concern for the transparency, accountability, and oversight of U.S. Postal Service services.

I have been advised that the Postal Rate Commission has been petitioned to institute proceedings to review the jurisdictional status of fourteen specified services offered by the U.S. Postal Service, and establish rules to require a full accounting of the costs and revenues of non-jurisdictional services. I consider it important that all U.S. Postal Service services have a high degree of financial transparency, accountability, and oversight so that ratepayers for one service are not subsidizing excessive costs for any other service.

I would consider the Postal Rate Commission's commencement of the petitioned proceeding as a step in the right direction towards achieving financial transparency of U.S. Postal Service services, and the prevention of unregulated cross-subsidization of non-jurisdictional services by jurisdictional services.

If you or your staff have any questions or require additional information, please call on me, or Walter Hearne of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2141.

Very Truly Yours,



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