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August 22, 2020

Mr. Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Room 10300
Washington, D.C. 20260-1000

Dear Mr. Postmaster General,

I am writing to express deep concern about the operational changes at the United States Postal Service (USPS) and their adverse impact on our local community.

Recently, residents of Indianapolis and constituents in my district have notified me of a number of changes in local postal services. For example, numerous constituents contacted my office about the removal of the iconic, blue USPS collection boxes at the Eagle Creek location. Alarming, many other constituents have contacted my office and expressed concern about noticeable delays in their mail, including deliveries of medications that they depend on. Unfortunately, these changes appear designed to undermine and disrupt mail delivery, and they raise serious concerns about a vital government service established by the U.S. Constitution that my constituents depend on.

Moreover, my office also relies on the USPS to assist constituents with a number of important federal casework issues. However, over the last ten mail days, we have received mail for only half of them. This noticeable delay in mail delivered to my congressional office is clearly and negatively affecting my office's ability to service constituents in a timely manner. If my federal office has experienced delivery delays, I am very concerned that deliveries to local businesses and residents of the City of Indianapolis have also been delayed. These apparently intentional delays are both alarming and dangerous; these delays amount to an attack on a critical government function that Hoosiers depend on every day, especially during this pandemic.

On behalf of my constituents, I am requesting a detailed response for the following:

- The number of blue mailboxes that have been removed in Marion County this year, including the original location of each mailbox removed and the reason it was removed.
- The number of sorting and mail scanning machines that have been removed in Marion County this year, including the original location of the machine and the reason it was removed.
- The number of these machines that were destroyed or altered in a way that renders them unworkable.
- The current location of mailboxes, sorting machines and mail scanners removed in Marion County and in who has custody of this equipment.
- The date(s) replacement equipment will be provided for the equipment that was removed and/or destroyed.
- The number of mail ballots that failed to be delivered to the Marion County Elections Office on time or by the election date this year.

- Whether or not Marion County mail ballots delivery will be delayed or not delivered without additional postage for the upcoming election in November?
- The number of Marion County postal employees laid off, terminated or forced into early retirement this year?
- The number of additional Marion County postal employees you plan to lay off, terminate or force into early retirement during the remainder of this year?

Please provide the responses to this request by August 31st.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AC', with a stylized flourish at the end.

André Carson
Member of Congress