



POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Office of the Chairman

March 31, 2020

Michael Plunkett
President & CEO
Association for Postal Commerce

Via email:
RE: Mailing Industry Call for Emergency Measures

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your email today addressed jointly to the Postal Service and me outlining your organization's concerns with the current pandemic and its impact on the United States Postal Service and the entire mailing community. The Commission well understands those concerns, and recognizes that our nation's postal system is a critical component of America's infrastructure. Indeed, we must do all we can to ensure its viability, particularly in the midst of this world-wide pandemic.

Your letter calls for changes to postal rates and payment collections. By law, the Governors of the Postal Service are charged with setting rates, and the Commission evaluates those rates consistent with statutory requirements. While we have not received any information or request from the Postal Service at this time, to the extent that the Governors propose any such changes, please know that *the Commission stands ready to act as expeditiously as possible to efficiently and effectively review any proposals in conformance with existing law.*

These are challenging times for the Postal Service and all of our nation. The Commission is committed to continuing uninterrupted in its mission of ensuring the transparency and accountability of the Postal Service, and also fostering a vital and efficient universal mail system on behalf of our fellow Americans.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Taub', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert G. Taub, Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission

cc: Robert M. Duncan, Chairman, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service
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