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Dear Mr. Lynch:

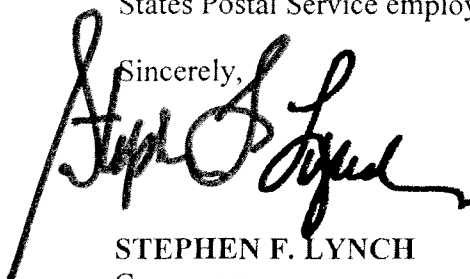
I am writing in regard to concerns brought to my attention recently, relative to the contracting out of maintenance and repair work performed on USPS vehicles. As United State Representative for the Ninth Massachusetts District, I represent the USPS Boston District and many USPS employees. Additionally, I hold a seat on the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia.

It is my understanding that vehicle maintenance work is currently being contracted out at an hourly rate which exceeds that of USPS maintenance craft employees. In addition, I have seen photographic documentation that some work done at the VMF may not have adhered to established maintenance guidelines, risking harm to the environment. Also of grave concern is that these contractors have access to universally familiar USPS vehicles and are authorized to remove them from the premises, but may not be vetted to ensure that there is no threat to homeland security.

I know that the USPS strives to operate an efficient, responsible, and fiscally prudent agency. However, these concerns, if conveyed accurately to me, seem contrary to that goal. It is my hope that you can provide a detailed explanation of USPS motor vehicle maintenance policy and the process by which these contractors are selected.

I look forward to your response and to continuing to work with you on matters concerning United States Postal Service employees and customers.

Sincerely,



STEPHEN F. LYNCH
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