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Dave Williams
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United States Postal Service
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Dear Mr. Williams:

We have exchanged correspondence on the subjects of employees' private medical records and the relevance of collectively bargained benefits to the oversight authority of the Office of Inspector General and have agreed to disagree. However there is no disagreement that the laws governing the United States Postal Service invests in your office the review of "economies and efficiencies" of the Service so I bring to your attention issues directly related to this purpose.

As referenced in the attached correspondence postal management has entered into on an ad-hoc basis cooperative arrangements with transportation contractors to permit the use of postal property (parking –staging – storing) without compensation. There is no uniform policy to determine when this added benefit will be afforded and the value of the use of USPS property is not included in the costs of transportation or the contracts negotiated by the parties (USPS/ Private Contractors).

In addition, after finalization of bided transportation contracts* the Postal Service has routinely accepted amendments increasing the costs without benefit of the competitive process. This practice is used routinely to avoid transparency in the bidding procedure and provides a competitive advantage to the original bidder.

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The costs and the deferred potential revenue associated with these actions are borne by Postal Service stakeholders so in keeping with your obligation to postal ratepayers and the public, I request that you consider conducting an audit of these activities to determine compliance with federal and postal contracting procedures and the potential savings to American households.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Burrus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W".

William Burrus
President

Enclosure - *For your information I have attached a contract effective September 2, 1997 at a rate of \$151,819 that has increased to \$475,526 on March 10, 2001 without the benefit of competitive bid.

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