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The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Proposed Commission on the Postal Service

Dear Mr. President:


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I am writing on behalf of the 350,000 postal workers represented by the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, to express our strong opposition to the creation of a Presidential Commission on the future of the Postal Service. There is no need for such a commission. Its very creation would suggest that there is something fundamental about the Postal Service that needs to be changed, and that is not the case.

Business interests are seeking to dismantle the Postal Service so the most efficient parts of the Service may be converted to private profit. If that were to be permitted, the interests of small businesses, and of individual Americans, particularly those in rural areas and the inner cities, would suffer greatly. Furthermore, universal postal service at a uniform price continues to be essential to our economy.

There is no shortage of information about the Postal Service. In addition to the searching public inquiries during postal rate proceedings, the Congress has held many hearings on proposals to amend the Postal Reorganization Act over the past seven years. These hearings and legislative efforts certainly will be continued in the next Congress. In this context, not only APWU members but all 800,000 employees of the United States Postal Service, would see the creation of a Presidential Commission on the future of the Postal Service as an effort to dismantle and privatize our great service. We urge you not to create such a commission.

Sincerely,

William Burrus
President

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