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Dear Mr. Glover

PostalWatch is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization interested in protecting individual American citizens and private sector businesses from negative actions on the part of the US Postal Service. Our membership is consists of predominately small businesses and sole proprietorships.

PostalWatch has work closely with your office for the last fourteen months in an attempt to prevent the Postal Service from executing their regulations which negatively impact the approximately one million small businesses that rent private mailboxes from the nations 10,600 Commercial Mail Receiving Agencies (CMRAs).

The Postal Service enjoys immunity from virtually every federal statues intended to protect small business and individuals from onerous and capricious actions on the part of federal agencies including, the Administrative Procedures Act and the Regulatory Flexibility Act. This exemption has not, however deterred the Office of Advocacy, which today after 14 months, remains intensely engaged on this issue.

The Office of Advocacy and Jennifer Smith continues to provide invaluable assistance in this long and difficult process. The level of expertise and commitment demonstrated by your staff is truly commendable and exemplifies "Public Service". Your staff has not missed a single beat over these last 14 months. Advocacy has attended every meeting and returned every phone. Your office has provided thoughtful and thoroughly researched comment letters for every significant rule-making initiative, no small undertaking given Postal Service's propensity for rule-making on this issue.

The Office of Advocacy's unique ability as part of the Administration to work with congressional staff and outside organizations has proved highly effective.

In conclusion, as a small businessperson of over twenty years myself, I can say without hesitation that although loan programs and studies are helpful, what the small business community really needs is more Advocacy! The future of small businesses in America is not threatened from a lack of capital or information it is threatened by the unintended consequences of government actions.

Thanks to you and your staff for all your efforts on our behalf and for your continued commitment to the small business community.

Sincerely yours,



Rick Merritt
Executive Director