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Dear Chairman Ron Johnson, Ranking Member Gary Peters and members of the committee:

The American Sustainable Business Council, representing over 200,000 business across the United States, stands with all businesses calling for greater transparency in recent operational changes and financial constraints the USPS is currently facing. We are looking forward to the Postmaster Dejoy's appearance in front of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Friday as well as his appearance next week in front of the House Oversight Committee, in order to receive further clarification on recent events.

The ASBC believes that the USPS provides a crucial service to all businesses, ensuring access to fair pricing through all geographic regions in the United States for its courier service. The USPS is also a critical institution for election voting, a bedrock of American democracy and a healthy economy, most especially important during an election year amid a health crisis. Therefore, it is crucial that the business community and general public understand the recent delays and challenges in service, as well as the constraints some states face trying to implement broader vote-by-mail options for their constituents.

In particular, the ASBC is asking those members of committees to consider the following questions that the business community we represent would like clarification on:

1. Recently, there has been wide reporting of delays in mail service. As businesses and customers rely heavily on USPS mail service, most especially in "last-mile" service in more rural areas, the ASBC seeks assurance that whichever operational decisions were made that affected service be halted permanently. **The ASBC would appreciate transparency on the exact operational policies that drove these changes in the first place, as well as an answer from Postmaster Dejoy on how he intends to restore confidence in the USPS for all Americans.**
2. It has been reported that Postmaster Dejoy been allowed to continue holding significant equity in XPO Logistics, a USPS contractor, as well as holding stock options in Amazon at a significant discount. **Can the committee shed light as to why the Ethics committee did not find this to create a major conflict of interest for the Postmaster?** The ASBC has concerns that the conflict of interest in these matters will affect decision making of the US Postal Office Chief, and would appreciate further information on this matter.
3. **Can Postmaster Dejoy speak to the recent decision to enact a hiring freeze among management and the cuts to overtime pay?** At a time when over 7000 employees of the USPS have tested positive for COVID-19, what explanation is there for further constraining labor?
4. **How will the USPS prepare for a higher volume of mail during election season?**We look forward to the hearings in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

American Sustainable Business Council