

Postal Regulatory Commission

I am very concerned about the move by the US. Postal Service to increase the monopoly on Post Office Boxes at the expense of private enterprise. Your move to expand to Personal Mail Box services, where a street address is assigned to a box for use in the accepting of privately shipped parcels (aka UPS, FedEx) is an assault by a Federal Government Agency on small businesses.

The situation of a non taxable, Federally funded Government Agency which, receiving interest free loans and congressional supplements of funding to continue operations, puts the USPS in a monopolistic anti private enterprise advantage against small Family owned businesses.

The USPS should stick to the mandate it was charged with in the Constitution. That Clause (Article 1, section 8, Clause 7) empowers Congress "To establish Post Offices and Post Roads". This Clause has been construed to give Congress the enumerated power to designate mail routes and construct or designate post offices, with the implied authority to carry, deliver, and regulate the mails of the United States as a whole.*

It does not state that it has the power to compete or should it compete with private enterprise in other forms of business endeavors. US Post Office Boxes which accept only USPS "mail" upholds this mandate. The expansion to additional service such as accepting privately shipped packages or acting as a "street address" is not supported by the Constitutional mandate for the US Post Office.

If this action to offer Personal Mail boxes is approved at the disadvantage of private enterprise then any boxes, buildings, land, employees, equipment, and any actions associated with this undertaking should be considered private enterprise and available to the tax laws of the City, County, State and Federal jurisdiction where they reside. No federal monies should be involved in the execution, maintenance, or security of these boxes. This should be considered a major step in the privatization of the U.S Postal Service. This would make the competition between this offering and the private enterprises offering this same service on a much fairer footing. Without this stipulation this action should not move forward.

I am sure President Obama or Mr. Mitt Romney would not want this travesty to happen since the vast majority of the individual businesses offering this service are micro business's owned by middle class individuals, working to make a living. Their livelihood is being threatened by the monopolistic US Postal Service expanding their reach past their constitutional mandate. These businesses were built by individuals in spite of unfair competition by an untaxed ("we do not take any tax money" but we do borrow from the Federal Government) pseudo private US Postal Service which is losing Billions of dollars each year sending a lot of junk mail to the American people we do not want.

Don't allow this travesty of Federal monopolistic power to happen,



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