

BEFORE THE
Postal Regulatory Commission
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of:

Market Test of Experimental Product-
Customized Delivery

Docket MT2014-1

Comments of Taxpayers Protection Alliance

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The Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) is a non-profit non-partisan organization dedicated to educating the public through the research, analysis and dissemination of information on the government's effects on the economy. We are submitting these comments on behalf of American taxpayers who are concerned with government overreach and intrusion on private business.

The United State Postal Service (USPS) is a government agency and a congressionally backed monopoly afforded certain rights and privileges to which private enterprises are not privy. The agency has a track record of taking advantage of these freedoms and using them to undercut the market in which they operate.

The USPS is seeking permission to expand its grocery delivery services to additional markets. Inserting themselves into this industry space would simply be another way for the USPS to expand their reach without instituting real reform, not to fulfill its mandate of delivering the mail on time to its customers anywhere in the country. This growth would work to push out already established private providers. This action works to hurt private businesses who cannot afford to bring their price down to a level where they can be competitive. A government agency should not be working to compete with American businesses.

Perhaps even more startling, the USPS is near a point of financial collapse losing millions of dollars a day and billions of dollars every year. Earlier this month, the agency once again defaulted on their \$5.5 billion pre-payment for their employee healthcare benefits. The USPS needs to definitively show that the previous 60-day test of grocery delivery services was successful and that the USPS did not lose money on this project. They should not be moving into new and unknown markets before understanding the possible consequences. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) should not rule on this matter until the full set of facts have been presented and shared with the American public. We believe the PRC should conduct a full study that will provide the financial details of this expansion and determine its effect on the USPS and American businesses.

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There are too many questions that have yet to be answered. The Postal Service is at a very fragile point economically and any further damage could be catastrophic. The PRC needs to take a very close look at this test program. The cost of doing business should not be a cost to American businesses.

Respectfully submitted,



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