



April 18, 2019

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave., NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Re: 2018 Annual Compliance Report Docket No. ACR2018

Dear Chairman Taub and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of millions of taxpayers and consumers, the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA), a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and educating taxpayers, hereby submits amendments to our organization's initial comments (accepted January 31, 2019) to the ACR2018 docket.

Following the conclusion of the initial ACR2018 comment period, the federal government's top watchdog, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), released its latest "High-Risk Series" of government operations with vulnerabilities to fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement. The report indicates that the United States Postal Service (USPS) has budgeted for a \$6.6 billion net loss in fiscal year 2019, which has accelerated the importance of implementing substantive actions that facilitate USPS's ability to better align costs with revenues.

In TPA's view, progress towards balance sheet accountability, to ultimately forge long-term financial viability of the nation's Postal System, depends on regularly obtaining targeted data, including product-specific costs in addition to the volume variable costs that are used to determine attributable costs for respective lines of service.

As such, we support and encourage the commission's action detailed in the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) to achieve greater transparency surrounding a product with continued poor financial performance: Inbound Letter Post.

Ongoing analysis of Inbound Letter Post has been continually impeded by the opacity of the complexities inherent to the current terminal dues system. Given the depths of USPS' system-wide fiscal challenges, it is apt for the commission to pursue transparency measures of this type in order to help diagnose the structural issues underlying the USPS's deteriorating fiscal situation.

TPA agrees that measures to unseal the essential data (PRC-LR-ACR2018/NP3) analyzing Inbound Letter Post is the proper course of action. Thank for your consideration of our organization's perspective on the need to resolve USPS' inefficiencies and shortcomings that translate to ever-growing risks for taxpayers.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Williams".

David Williams
President