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Comments submitted by Frontiers of Freedom
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To the Commission:

Frontiers of Freedom is an educational institute with a mission to promote the principles of individual freedom, peace through strength, constitutionally limited government, and free enterprise. Our organization has consistently affirmed the importance of fiscal accountability and open commercial markets as essential governmental values, and which are especially vital for the U.S. Postal Service.

Based on these core views, Frontiers of Freedom respectfully aims to encourage the Commission to employ sound judgment surrounding inequitable and archaic USPS pricing regimes, and also ensure that Postmaster General Megan Brennan and the newly installed Governors of the USPS Board are working to achieve a favorable rate system for American postal shippers.

As our organization has noted, many small businesses and producers within the U.S. have suffered as result of an ill-considered pricing system that codifies advantages for sellers from abroad who have access to significantly reduced shipping rates. Instead of actively seeking to support American business, the artificially lower rates provided by the Postal Service creates a distorted environment in which sellers from abroad can monetarily undercut domestic producers in a variety of ways.

Fostering an atmosphere in which U.S. small businesses can take-off and grow their operations depends on rectifying the current discriminatory system. As many consumer markets continue to evolve and become intertwined, it is essential for all rate proposals offered by the USPS to feature fully accurate and specified information. Any further ambiguity and neglect for transparency on critical pricing considerations would be a disservice to domestic organizations who drive our economy.

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Furthermore, it is widely apparent that the Universal Postal Union will hold an Extraordinary Congress later this year. This will undoubtedly present the U.S. State Department with an excellent opportunity to negotiate an equitable rate system. Should obstacles arise that prevent U.S. officials from reaching conclusions aligning with the Trump Administration's objectives, the State Department will take appropriate steps to facilitate our nation's withdrawal from the UPU. It is incumbent upon the Commission to reserve any action within this docket until after the outcomes of the UPU Congress are known.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments to the Commission for the purposes of ultimately resolving these matters. Should the Commission have an interest in discussing these topics further, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone: 703-246-0110 or email GL@FF.org

Best Regards,



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