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RE: Docket # R2020-1

I understand the Postal Service wants to make permanent the 55¢ rate for a single First Class letter. This is not warranted.

Earlier this year the price of mailing a letter jumped an incredible 10%, which was far, far above the rate of inflation. This 10% increase is the highest in memory.

One reason the Postal Service gave for this five cent increase is that the rate, 55¢, would be divisible by five (5). So what?

This thinking for setting postage rates in America has never been cited since our Country's founding in 1776.

It has no connection to what it costs to operate the Postal Service.

This pricing system has not been anymore convenient to me this year than under the previous method. Nor have I met anyone who raved to me about what a wonderful experience it is now to purchase stamps for 55¢ in a post office.

Quite the contrary. I've talked to people who want to know why their post office retail hours were either cut by the POSTPlan or other poor management decisions. And when they can buy stamps, people want to know why there isn't a wider variety of Forever stamps to choose from.

I thought a Federal Appeals court in Washington just ruled that raising postage rates so they are divisible by five is improper and should not be done. So why is the Postal Service trying to do this again?

A First Class letter rate of 51¢ or 52¢ could have some merit. But certainly not a 55¢ First Class rate just because it can be divided by five (5).

Thank you for your consideration.



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