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Attn: Postal Regulatory Commissioners,

POSTAL REGULATORY
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Reference to the Postal Service Plan on Postal Rates Increases

The following signed individuals oppose the Postal Regulatory Commission action to set the basic postage rate in an amount divisible by five. This plan does not consider the average American citizen who is earning minimum wage or those barely getting by with a median salary less than \$30,000. The Postal Service has failed properly to consider the effect of the increase on the general public, in its decision to use this method to calculate future rate increases in multipliable of five. This brings hardship to many families who wish to use the postal system for greetings, birthdays, weddings and all those special occasions with a letter or to pay their monthly bills. The divisible by five rate increase is greater than the inflation figures, exceeding social security adjustments and other retirement benefits. Using the inflation rate is most in line with the economy and would allow the postage stamp to increase by 56 cents or 57 cents instead of divisible by five. We believe this to be a more reasonable fair approach to future rates increases.

We the undersign consider the 55cent rate unfair because large First Class presort mailers received a much lessor rate than we do, under one percent, compared to 10 percent rate increase for us, the general public. We further state that this practice is unfair.

We seek consideration of actions by the PRC in the matter of future postal rates increases. Using the method of rate increases, should be 52 or 53 cents so forth and not in divisible by five which exceeds the national inflation rate and other indicators. Yes, Pennies matter to individual people and the average American Tax paying citizen. This is outrageous and unfair, that our home mailing stamp should be priced out of sight, for the average wage earner and lower income families. Your attention/action is desired and very much appreciated to consider a better affordable solution other than the five-cent rounding plan.

We wish to thank the Commission for your help in keeping our postal system functional for all citizens at a reasonable cost.

Respectfully submitted,

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