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May 10, 2021

Hon. Michael Kubayanda
Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Re: Docket Number – MC2021-78

Dear Chairman Kubayanda:

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the impact of moving bound printed matter parcels from the Market Dominant to the Competitive Produce category. I know this will dramatically increase the rates for flyers and books that are mailed to schools.

I am Director of a faith-based preschool in Greenville County, South Carolina, and there is no doubt that the additional costs will ultimately be passed on to those purchasing books – students and their families. There are already too many barriers to reading for most families. Our teachers depend on access to books, which the bound printed matter rates provide, and to have the ability to offer books to our students at a very affordable price.

As a Scholastic Book Clubs partner, we are able to earn and use Bonus Points to build our school library for our students. We also use low-cost but high-quality books as rewards and gifts for them. These books, both in the classroom and at home, continue to inspire a love of reading in our students, which has a positive impact on their success in all areas of life.

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The pandemic has already had a tremendously negative consequence on our students' learning experience and, ultimately, on literacy rates in the United States. The increase in mailing costs of educational materials will make access to children's literature even more difficult. I urge you to deny this transfer, or to exempt educational materials, so that we can continue to provide access to affordable, quality books for our students and families. The impact of this change for our school children would be too high a cost to bear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Stenzel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

Deborah Stenzel

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