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Hon. Michael Kubayanda, Chairman  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001  
RE: Docket number: MC2021-78

May 4, 2021

Dear Chairman Kubayanda,

I am writing on behalf of children in American Fork and surrounding communities to urge the Commission to either deny the transfer of bound printed matter parcels from the Market Dominant category to the Competitive Product category or to exempt educational materials from this change.

If this change were to be approved by the Commission, the rates for flyers and books that are mailed to schools and libraries will dramatically increase. Unfortunately, the additional costs will be passed on to the libraries and schools who buy the books to make them available for children who otherwise would not have access to these resources. For the growing number of families who home school, the library is their liaison with Scholastic Book Clubs and similar organizations which provide low cost books shipped directly to families. These families would be absorbing cost increases if a change in the rate category without an educational exemption were to be approved.

Additionally, as a Scholastic Book Clubs partner, I purchase books to use in our program for reluctant readers. Having their own copy allows access and time necessary for struggling readers to complete a book. Our library also rewards children who participate in our Summer Reading and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten programs with a book. This is extremely valuable more than half of our library patrons don't have the means to create home libraries for their families.

On behalf of both the children and families in the communities served by our library and those children and families served by schools and libraries nationwide, I ask you to keep shipping rates for books at the current bound printed matter rates.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Bonner".

Lori Bonner, Assistant Children's Librarian



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