

Rates, Analysis and Planning of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Testimony before the President's Commission on the Postal Service (February 20, 2003) at 2, 9-10. The League would urge the Commission to update that analysis and put it into its report in this docket.

That consensus that has developed in the mailing community is fairly remarkable and rather unusual. It speaks to how important this group of issues is to the mailing community and to the nation. We urge the Commission to draft a report that strongly defends the Universal Service obligation and the continuation of the private express statutes, as well as small rural post offices, the mailbox rule, and six day delivery.

In that report, in addition to updating the small post office figures, we would urge the Commission to explain why opening up the mailbox raises security concerns and would tend to increase postal rates by introducing a sortation element to the carrier function. We would also urge the Commission to set the record straight in terms of six day delivery and how much money eliminating one day of delivery would or would not save the Postal Service.

Thank you for considering our views.

Respectfully submitted,

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