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Honorable Carolyn Maloney
Chairwoman, House Committee on Oversight and Reform
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Maloney:

On behalf of the approximately 47,000 postal supervisors, managers and postmasters represented by the National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS), I request the Committee on Oversight and Reform conduct oversight on the Postal Service's unwise policy to restrict postal police law enforcement to the parameters of a postal facility. The Postal Service implemented this policy in fall 2020. As you may be aware, crimes committed against U.S. mail, postal property and postal personnel have increased since the implementation of this policy.

NAPS is not taking a position on the Postal Inspection Service's choice to establish a new authority to monitor internet traffic on social media. However, NAPS does take exception to the agency's misguided effort to narrow its police force's jurisdiction over postal-specific crimes, while concurrently create a new police power. To fill the created law enforcement void, the Postal Service cannot and should not rely on local police to prevent and investigate federal crimes against mail, postal property and postal personnel. The postal police force is highly trained for postal protection activities and is authorized to do so under federal law. Consequently, NAPS respectfully requests the committee to use appropriate oversight to explore postal law enforcement decision-making with the goal of restoring the postal police force's authority over postal crimes, whether or not those crimes are committed on the premises of a postal facility.

I would also like to point out there is a legislative vehicle to clarify postal police authority, legislation that may warrant a hearing. Representatives Andrew Garbarino and Bill Pascrell introduced the Postal Police Reform Act, H.R. 5587, to clarify that Postal Service police officers are granted law enforcement authority relating to postal crimes whether, or not they are committed on postal property. The legislation was referred to the Judiciary Committee, but the Oversight and Reform Committee was granted sequential referral.

Thank you for your attention to the protection of U.S. mail, postal property and postal personnel.

Sincerely,

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