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Representative Edolphus Towns  
Chair  
House Oversight and Government Reform Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515


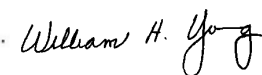

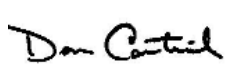

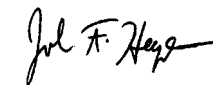
Dear Chairman Towns:

As the presidents of the organizations that represent the unions and management associations of the U.S. Postal Service, we would like to thank you and Ron Stroman for the extra effort you made to include the Postal Service "Retiree Health Care Trust Fund" in the stimulus package. This issue, which involves the future of nearly 700,000 employees in the Postal Service and millions of others in ancillary businesses, remains imperative. Your quick action in talking to the House Democratic Leadership and others was very important.

Ultimately, the success of this issue will affect the \$900 billion industry which depends heavily on the U.S. Postal Service. That equates to nine percent of the GDP, and includes a wide variety of American enterprise: small neighborhood retail businesses; large wholesale companies; paper, catalogue and envelope manufacturers; as well as the employees we represent. Residents in the United States have a right to universal postal service at affordable rates six days a week. Without Congressional action on the Trust Fund, this system is at risk.

We may not have succeeded in including this with the first stimulus package this year, but we will persist. We look forward to working with you on moving this issue as soon as practicable.

Sincerely,

					
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