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The Honorable Rand Paul
Chairman
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Paul:

I am writing to emphasize the importance of bipartisan representation on the United States Postal Service (USPS) Board of Governors and to express concern over President Trump's refusal to engage in the longstanding practice of consulting with the Senate's minority party regarding nominations to the Board.

The Postal Service is a vital institution that connects communities across the nation, and the Board of Governors plays a critical role in ensuring that the Postal Service continues to serve all Americans. The USPS Board of Governors is akin to a board of directors of a publicly held corporation and sets Postal Service strategy, recommends legislation, controls expenditures, conducts oversight, and selects USPS leadership.

President Trump has nominated four individuals – each of whom is a member of the Republican party – to serve on the USPS Board of Governors.¹ Congress designed the Board of Governors to represent the public interest, and enacted specific requirements regarding Governors' qualifications and political affiliations.² The statute authorizing the Board dictates that no more than five of the nine Senate-confirmed Governors be members of the same political party, and urges the President to consult with congressional leadership of *both parties* when making nominations.³

Under past Republican and Democratic administrations, including during the first Trump Administration, presidents have consulted with the Senate Minority Leader regarding USPS Board of Governor nominees from the minority party.⁴ Unfortunately, President Trump has departed from this long-standing practice and has not engaged in any consultation with the

¹ Anthony Lomangino (nominated Jan. 13, 2026), Jeffrey Brodsky, William Gallo, and Robert Steffens (all nominated on Mar. 2, 2026).

² 39 U.S.C. § 202 (a)(1).

³ 39 U.S.C. § 202 (a)(1)-(2).

⁴ Most recently, President Biden sought input from then Senate Minority Leader McConnell and nominated three Republican Governors at Leader McConnell's recommendation (Derek Kan, William Zollars, and Gordon Hartogensis). Similarly, during his first Administration, President Trump consulted with Minority Leader Schumer and nominated three Democratic Governors (David Williams, Ron Bloom, and Donald Moak).

Senate Minority Leader or the Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC). Ranking Members of various committees raised this lack of bipartisan engagement in a letter in June to Leader Thune and President Trump.⁵ The White House responded in July touting a handful of Democratic nominees to certain positions and said that they “appreciate the opportunity to continue to work together in a bipartisan way.”⁶ This Committee should hold them to that commitment.

There are currently four Senate-confirmed Governors serving on the USPS Board of Governors: two Democrats, one Independent, and one Republican.⁷ If all four of the nominees currently pending before HSGAC are confirmed, the Board will have a five-Member Republican majority, with three minority Members. Further, the Board’s staggered terms will lead to a *five-to-one* Republican majority if President Trump does not nominate any Democratic members. This imbalance in representation would be unprecedented and would undermine public confidence in the Board’s ability to serve the public interest above any partisan political aims.

Given the urgent financial, policy, and service issues facing the USPS and the critical role the Board plays in ensuring the Postal Service fulfills its public service mission, it is imperative that the President nominate and the Senate confirm well-qualified nominees from both political parties. Advancing only nominees from one party and failing to consult with the minority unnecessarily politicizes the Postal Service and undermines its statutory independence.

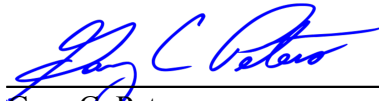
I urge you to convey the importance of bipartisan representation on the USPS Board of Governors to the White House and ask the President to identify Democratic nominees to the Board in consultation with the Senate Minority Leader. I also ask that you refrain from moving forward with Committee consideration of the current nominations to the Board of Governors until he does so.

⁵ Letter from Senators Schumer Wyden, Durbin, Reed, Cantwell, Sanders, Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Heinrich, Warren, Padilla, Peters to President Trump and Majority Leader Thune (June 9, 2026).

⁶ Letter from Dan Scavino, Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Presidential Personnel, White House and James Braid, Director of Legislative Affairs, White House, to Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer (July 9, 2026).

⁷ They are Daniel Tangherlini (D), Ronald Stroman (D), Amber McReynolds (I), and Derek Kan (R).

Sincerely,



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cc: John Thune
Majority Leader

Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader

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