

**STATEMENT OF DENNIS TONER
TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee for holding this hearing this afternoon. I am very grateful to President Obama for nominating me to serve as a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

I would like to thank you, Senator Carper, for your abiding interest in the Postal Service and the role the Postal Service plays in American life. If confirmed, I hope to be able to work with you to address the many challenges confronting the Postal Service.

I would also like to thank a long time friend Senator Ted Kaufman for taking time out of his very busy schedule to introduce me today. I had the pleasure and honor of working closely with Senator Kaufman when we both worked for then-Senator Joe Biden. Thank you Senator Kaufman for the support you have given me today.

I have been asked by many why I would want to serve on the Postal Board of Governors, given the extreme financial difficulty it faces today. My answer is this: the Postal Service is woven into the fabric of every American community. It is clear that changes are needed on a number of fronts to allow the Postal Service to regain its financial footing. In my more than thirty years working for the U.S. Senate, I have developed an on-going interest in the challenges that arise from organizations like the Postal Service or Amtrak – Federal organizations that Congress wants to act like a business but provide public service in all of its many connotations. Should I be confirmed, I believe that I can bring that experience to bear working with the Governors, postal management, and the many different Postal stakeholders to address the key issues facing the Postal Service.

I thank you for holding this hearing and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.