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Sixth District, New York

December 1, 2025

The Honorable David Steiner
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General Steiner,

I am writing to express concerns about the United States Postal Service's (USPS) decision to extend the target implementation dates for the three open recommendations provided by the United States Postal Service Office of the Inspector General (USPS OIG) from report number <u>24-037-R24</u>. The report outlines the USPS OIG's findings from their audit of mail theft in Queens, and outlines recommendations to address theft.

In New York's Sixth Congressional District, mail theft remains a persistent and deeply troubling issue. In 2024, at my request, USPS OIG conducted an audit to examine the extent of mail theft in Queens. The findings revealed significant mismanagement in the deployment and installation of critical mail theft mitigation initiatives, as well as seven clear recommendations to address these operational deficiencies.

I was encouraged when USPS committed to implementing all seven recommendations. However, I am increasingly concerned by the repeated delays in carrying them out. My office was initially informed that the latest target implementation date for the remaining recommendations was April 30, 2025. That date was then pushed to October 31, 2025, and has now been postponed again to February 28, 2026, and March 31, 2026. These cumulative delays amount to nearly an additional year of inaction. Such prolonged postponements are unacceptable and undermine public confidence in USPS's ability to safeguard the mail.

With the holiday season approaching, my constituents, like all Americans, will rely on the USPS to deliver an increased volume of mail securely. Delaying the execution of these important recommendations puts mail security at risk. Given the importance of preventing mail theft during

this time of year, I urge USPS to take immediate action to implement the remaining recommendations from USPS OIG.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ella Doyle (Ella.Doyle@mail.house.gov) of my staff.

Sincerely,

Grace Meng

Member of Congress