

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 18, 2025

Doug Tulino  
Acting Postmaster General  
United States Postal Service (USPS)  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Acting Postmaster General Tulino:

We write with grave concern over the reported diversion of essential Postal Service law enforcement resources away from critical tasks like drug interdiction, anti-theft measures, and the prevention and investigation of crimes against children.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) is the oldest law enforcement agency in the country and has more than 200 years of experience protecting USPS workers from serious crime while enforcing laws that prohibit the use of our nation's mail system for illegal activities. Among other responsibilities, postal inspectors prevent the flow of illegal and dangerous drugs through the mail and aggressively investigate mail theft.<sup>1</sup> They are also invaluable partners to broader federal programs like the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Project Safe Childhood (PSC), which is the federal government's nationwide initiative to prevent the sexual exploitation of children.<sup>2</sup>

Thanks to its long history and narrow focus on mail-related crimes, USPIS is tremendously effective at its core missions. In FY25 alone, USPIS has seized 1,301 pounds of fentanyl—enough for more than 295 million lethal doses of the drug.<sup>3</sup> Over the course of another recent year, the Inspection Service initiated 1,559 arrests for mail theft, 482 for assault or robbery, and 3 for child exploitation.<sup>4</sup> Historically, thanks to investigators' dedicated work the consistent resources dedicated to USPIS, the service has more than a 98% conviction rate when it takes a case to trial.<sup>5</sup>

As supporters of drug interdiction, anti-theft measures, and the protection of children, we are deeply concerned over reports that USPIS is being diverted away from those core missions to work on Department of Homeland Security (DHS) priorities.<sup>6</sup> According to those reports, inspectors are spending time assisting DHS with painstaking review of individual letters and packages to locate individual immigrants targeted by DHS.<sup>7</sup> That new task comes only a year after the Government Accountability Office (GAO) specifically recommended that USPIS

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<sup>1</sup> [Project Safe Delivery | USPIS](#)

<sup>2</sup> [About Project Safe Childhood | DOJ; Postal Inspectors Protect Children | USPS](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Combating Illicit Drugs in the Mail | USPIS](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Annual Report 2023 | USPIS](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Delivering Protection to Every Address in America | USPS](#)

<sup>6</sup> [USPS law enforcement assists Trump 'mass deportation' effort, sources and records show | Washington Post](#)

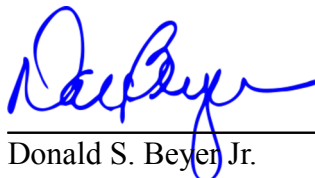
<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*

continue its “increasingly important” efforts to align its resources with current mail security needs—not external priorities.<sup>8</sup>

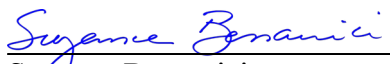
At a time when the Postal Service is seeing year-over-year increases in serious crimes, both to employees and to mailboxes themselves, as well as mail theft, USPS needs to focus on its core mission and not be subsumed into playing support staff for another agency’s priorities.<sup>9</sup> If DHS needs additional staff and resources for their investigations, they can request additional appropriations from Congress as well as end reduction-in-force plans and hiring freezes that limit their ability to allocate and maintain appropriate staffing.

On behalf of the countless Americans who are concerned about illegal narcotics, mail theft, child protection, we ask that you immediately end USPS’ participation in DHS’ immigration task force and allow the service to renew its focus on its essential law enforcement efforts. Please provide an update as to the status of this request by Friday, August 1, 2025.

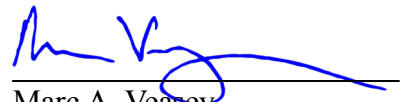
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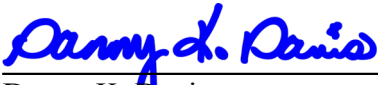
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<sup>8</sup> [Inspection Service Should Document Its Law Enforcement Workforce Decision-Making Processes | GAO](#)

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*

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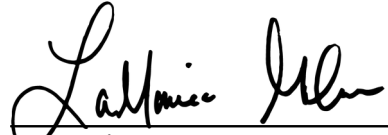
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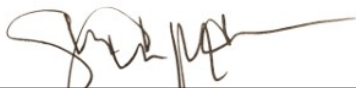
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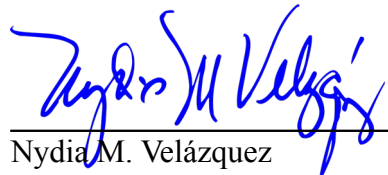
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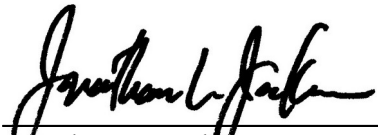
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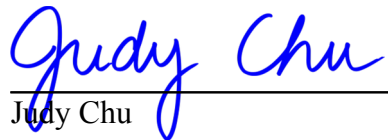
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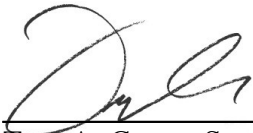
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