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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable Trey Gowdy  
Chairman  
House Oversight and Government Reform  
Committee  
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The Honorable Elijah Cummings  
Ranking Member  
House Oversight and Government Reform  
Committee  
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Dear Chairman Gowdy and Ranking Member Cummings:

I write to you regarding the United States Postal Service (USPS) and postal fraud issues that are affecting my constituents, and request that you hold an oversight hearing on this important topic. I previously wrote to former Chairman Chaffetz about this matter and did not receive a response. I am following up with the committee to bring this to the attention of Chairman Gowdy.

Constituents in my district, as well as news outlets throughout the country, have reported that individuals are fraudulently filing a change-of-address while concurrently placing a hold on mail service so that a USPS validation letter is never received. This allows individuals to steal mail, commit identity theft, and pursue other criminal activities. To-date, my constituents and others affected by these crimes have yet to receive assurances from the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) that enough is being done to further improve the system.

The Oversight and Government Reform Committee has jurisdiction of USPS and aims to ensure that Americans are able to hold public officials and agencies accountable. And while I believe that the United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Postal Service, and their employees, are dedicated and committed to protecting the mail system and its customers, further oversight of this matter is needed.

Again, I urge your committee to hold a hearing related to postal fraud; our constituents deserve action. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to protecting consumers through government oversight and accountability. I have attached my original letter to the committee, my letter to USPIS, the response from USPIS, and news articles as additional background information.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress