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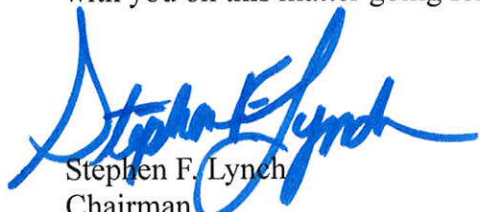
Dan Blair, Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Blair,

The Subcommittee requests that the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), if necessary, in conjunction with an independent consultant, conduct an analysis of the different approaches employed by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to calculate the present value of the Postal Service's obligations related to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefit Fund (Fund). We understand that the OIG and the OPM have conducted two separate analyses, based on varied assumptions, to determine payments and future liabilities. Since these analyses have resulted in two different payment schedules, we are requesting further evaluation.


The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 required that the Postal Service make payments to cover future health insurance premiums for Postal Service retirees and that OPM administer the Fund. The Act also granted the PRC the authority to review any computation or determination of the Postal Service's obligation to the Fund. The Subcommittee expects the OPM, OIG, and the Postal Service to cooperate fully with the PRC as it conducts its review, including promptly providing data and information, if any, requested by the PRC. We ask the PRC to submit a report containing the results of its assessment to the Subcommittee including any recommendations the Commission may have within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

Please contact William Miles at william.miles@mail.house.gov or (202) 266-3172 for further discussions of this review. Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to working with you on this matter going forward.



Stephen F. Lynch
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Sincerely,



John M. McHugh
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Inspector General David Williams; OPM Director John Berry