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To provide for the establishment of the Post Office Consumer Action Group,
Incorporated.

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Mr. KUCINICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of the Post Office Consumer
Action Group, Incorporated.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Post Office Consumer Action Group Act” or the
6 “POCAG Act”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents is
8 as follows:

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1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Individual action by residential postal users
 4 for the purposes of participating in postal matters
 5 and communicating their views is rendered impracti-
 6 cable by reason of the disproportionate expense of
 7 taking such action.

8 (2) Such participation and representation can
 9 best be secured by the creation of a permanent, not-

1 for-profit organization which is under the democratic
2 control of its membership, solely responsive to that
3 membership's goals, and funded by voluntary con-
4 tributions.

5 (3) The formation of such an entity by con-
6 sumers acting voluntarily is impeded because con-
7 sumers have neither the resources nor an efficient
8 mechanism to contact all residential postal users,
9 raise initial funds, and join such an entity.

10 (4) In order to create such an entity, it is nec-
11 essary to establish a democratically structured orga-
12 nization and to provide for the dissemination, to all
13 postal users, of information as to the formation and
14 purposes of such organization and to provide an effi-
15 cient means for joining and contributing to such or-
16 ganization.

17 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-
18 lows:

19 (1) To assist in establishing adequate and af-
20 fordable postal service for all residential postal
21 users.

22 (2) To foster and encourage active citizen par-
23 ticipation in postal matters and to facilitate effective
24 representation and advocacy of the interests of resi-
25 dential postal users before regulatory agencies, Con-

1 gress, the courts, and other bodies; and, for these
2 purposes, to create a permanent not-for-profit orga-
3 nization.

4 (3) To create an efficient funding mechanism
5 for the organization, involving no compulsory burden
6 whatsoever on the taxpayers of the United States,
7 whereby individual residential postal users and oth-
8 ers may voluntarily contribute to the organization.

9 (4) To ensure that public policies affecting the
10 provision, quality, and cost of postal services fairly
11 reflect the needs and concerns of those users.

12 (5) To ensure universal, equal, and adequate
13 access to postal services for all residents of the
14 United States.

15 (6) To ensure that the Postal Service provides
16 the highest quality services and products that it can
17 to its customers.

18 (7) To ensure that the Postal Service adapts to,
19 and adopts when appropriate, new technologies to
20 meet new customer needs.

21 (8) To ensure that the Postal Service remains
22 responsive to its customers.

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPORATION; MEMBERSHIP.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a not-for-
3 profit corporation to be known as the “Post Office Con-
4 sumer Action Group, Incorporated”.

5 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of the Corpora-
6 tion shall consist of all individuals of 16 years of age or
7 older who have contributed to the Corporation at least an
8 annual membership fee at such times as shall be set by
9 the board of directors.

10 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND ALLOT-**
11 **MENTS OF GRANTS.**

12 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Cor-
13 poration, for the purpose of establishing the Corporation,
14 \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending 1 year after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act.

16 **SEC. 5. DUTIES, RIGHTS, AND POWERS.**

17 (a) DUTIES.—The Corporation shall have the fol-
18 lowing duties:

19 (1) Represent and promote the interests of indi-
20 vidual residential postal users.

21 (2) Inform, insofar as possible, all residential
22 postal users about the Corporation, including the
23 procedure for obtaining membership in the Corpora-
24 tion.

25 (3) Establish an annual membership fee which
26 shall be set at a level that provides sufficient fund-

1 ing for the Corporation to effectively perform its
2 powers and duties, and is affordable for as many
3 residential postal users as is possible, but not less
4 than \$10.

5 (4) Have all rights and powers accorded gen-
6 erally to, and be subject to all duties imposed gen-
7 erally upon, not-for-profit membership corporations
8 under the laws of the United States and the District
9 of Columbia.

10 (b) RIGHTS AND POWERS.—The Corporation shall
11 have, in addition to those referred to in subsection (a)(4),
12 the following rights and powers:

13 (1) To solicit and accept gifts, loans, grants, or
14 other aid, in order to support activities concerning
15 the interests of residential postal users, except that
16 the Corporation may not accept gifts, loans, or other
17 aid from the Postal Service or from any governor,
18 employee, or agent, or member of the immediate
19 family of a governor, employee, or agent, of the
20 Postal Service.

21 (2) To seek tax-exempt status under Federal
22 law and the laws of the District of Columbia.

23 (3) To conduct, support, and assist research,
24 surveys, investigations, planning activities, con-
25 ferences, demonstration projects, individual coun-

1 seling of postal users, and public information activi-
2 ties concerning the interests of individual residential
3 postal users.

4 (4) To contract for services which cannot rea-
5 sonably be performed by its employees.

6 (5) To represent the interests of individual resi-
7 dential postal users before the Postal Service, the
8 Postal Regulatory Commission, Congress, State leg-
9 islatures, Federal and State courts, and other agen-
10 cies.

11 (6) To transmit complaints by individual postal
12 users concerning the Postal Service and private post-
13 al delivery services to the Postal Service and other
14 appropriate agencies. Any such agency shall prompt-
15 ly inform the Corporation of its response to such
16 complaints.

17 (7) To initiate, to intervene as a party, to main-
18 tain, or to otherwise participate on behalf of residen-
19 tial postal users in any proceeding which affects the
20 interests of residential postal users.

21 (c) INCIDENTAL POWERS.—The Corporation shall
22 have, in addition to the rights and powers enumerated in
23 this Act, such other incidental powers as are reasonably
24 necessary for the effective representation of the interests
25 of individual residential postal users.

1 (d) RESTRICTIONS.—The Corporation may not spon-
2 sor, endorse, or otherwise support, nor may it oppose, any
3 political party or candidacy of any person for public office.

4 **SEC. 6. REPRESENTATION OF CITIZENS IN PROCEEDINGS.**

5 (a) NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING PROCEEDINGS.—
6 The Postal Service, the Postal Regulatory Commission,
7 and other agencies which regulate postal rates or services,
8 shall notify or cause advance notice to be given to the Cor-
9 poration as to the time, place, and subject of each formal
10 proceeding of the agency, in which the Corporation may
11 be eligible to participate. The agency shall notify or cause
12 notice to be given to the Corporation at least 30 days be-
13 fore the scheduled date of such proceeding or within 5
14 days after the date and calendar for such proceeding is
15 fixed, whichever is later. In addition, the agency shall give
16 notice or cause notice to be given within 5 days to the
17 Corporation of any filed statement proposing to modify or
18 increase rates, services, schedule of rates or any other rat-
19 ing rule or to adopt or amend any rate or service rule
20 or regulations.

21 (b) INTERVENTION AND PARTICIPATION IN PRO-
22 CEEDINGS.—

23 (1) The Corporation may as a matter of right
24 intervene or otherwise participate in any proceeding
25 of the Postal Service, the Postal Regulatory Com-

1 mission, or other agency which the Corporation rea-
2 sonably determines would affect the interests of indi-
3 vidual residential postal users.

4 (2) The intervention or other participation of
5 the Corporation in any such proceeding will not af-
6 fect the obligation of the Postal Service, the Postal
7 Regulatory Commission, or other agency to operate
8 in the public interest.

9 (c) CONDUCT OF THE PROCEEDING.—When the Cor-
10 poration intervenes or otherwise participates in a pro-
11 ceeding of the Postal Service, the Postal Regulatory Com-
12 mission, or other agency, it shall be subject to all laws
13 and rules of procedure generally applicable to the conduct
14 of the proceeding and the rights of interveners and partici-
15 pants. The Corporation shall have the same rights regard-
16 ing representation by counsel, participation in prehearing
17 conferences, discovery, requests for issuance of subpoenas
18 by the agency, stipulation of facts, presentation and cross-
19 examination of witnesses, oral and written arguments,
20 participation in settlement negotiations, and other aspects
21 of the proceeding as are accorded to other interveners
22 under the laws of the United States or, in instances in
23 which a proceeding is held by State or local public body,
24 under the laws of that State or locality, except as other-
25 wise provided in this Act.

1 **SEC. 7. JUDICIAL REVIEW OF DECISIONS BY PUBLIC BOD-**
2 **IES; ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.**

3 The Corporation shall be deemed to have an interest
4 sufficient to maintain, intervene as of right in, or other-
5 wise participate in, any civil action, proceeding, or appeal
6 for the review or enforcement of any decision by the Postal
7 Service, the Postal Regulatory Commission, or other pub-
8 lic body, which the Corporation determines would substan-
9 tially affect the interests of individual residential postal
10 users.

11 **SEC. 8. REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS IN LAWSUITS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the Board or Executive Direc-
13 tor reasonably determines that bringing a civil action
14 against the Postal Service on behalf of any member or
15 group would further the general purposes of this Act, the
16 Corporation shall provide the legal services necessary and
17 the expert witness services reasonably appropriate for
18 prosecution of the action.

19 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—Any member
20 who receives money due to a settlement or judgment at-
21 tained with assistance in litigation provided by the Cor-
22 poration as described in subsection (a) shall reimburse the
23 Corporation for its expenses in the prosecution of the ac-
24 tion, except that such reimbursement may not exceed 10
25 percent of the money received by the member.

1 **SEC. 9. FUNDING OF THE CORPORATION.**

2 (a) CORPORATION STATEMENTS.—The Corporation
3 may prepare a statement concerning the organization and
4 activities of the Corporation, including the purpose, his-
5 tory, nature, structure, and achievements of the Corpora-
6 tion, and other matters which may affect the interests of
7 individual residential postal users. The statement—

8 (1) shall indicate that the statement is not con-
9 nected to the Postal Service or any governmental
10 agency;

11 (2) shall indicate the procedure for becoming a
12 member of the Corporation; and

13 (3) shall not contain an individual postal ad-
14 dress.

15 (b) OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE STATEMENT.—
16 The Corporation shall furnish each such statement to the
17 Postal Service, which will then print a quantity of the
18 statements sufficient to provide one copy for every residen-
19 tial postal address. Each such statement shall weigh no
20 more than 1 ounce. Within 7 days of its receipt, the Postal
21 Service shall, if it believes the statement to be false or
22 misleading, have the opportunity to challenge the contents
23 of the statement. Should the Postal Service challenge the
24 statement, the Postal Regulatory Commission shall ap-
25 prove or deny the challenged content after reviewing the
26 statement and the basis of the Postal Service's challenge.

1 The Commission shall approve the statement if it deter-
2 mines that the enclosure (1) is not false and misleading,
3 and (2) contains and is limited to the information per-
4 mitted by paragraph (1). The Commission shall be deemed
5 to have approved the statement unless it disapproves of
6 the statement within 15 days of receipt.

7 (c) MAILING REQUIREMENT.—The Postal Service
8 shall, subject to subsection (d), deliver to each individual
9 post office or postal facility in the United States, a quan-
10 tity of the mailings, pursuant to subsections (a) and (b),
11 which approximately equals the number of residential ad-
12 dressees in the region served by the postal facility. Indi-
13 vidual post offices and postal facilities shall deliver such
14 mailings to every residential address in their district dur-
15 ing regular delivery rounds.

16 (d) ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE.—The Postal Service
17 may implement a procedure for distributing such mailings
18 other than the procedure specified in subsection (c), unless
19 such other procedure would be more costly to the Corpora-
20 tion or would be a slower or otherwise less efficient means
21 of distributing such mailings.

22 (e) TIMING.—The Postal Service shall be required to
23 distribute such mailings within 60 days of the date on
24 which the statement is given to the Postal Service by the
25 Corporation.

1 (f) NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—The Postal Service
2 shall not be required to deliver more than 4 such mailings
3 pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) per fiscal year. This
4 provision shall not affect the obligation of the Postal Serv-
5 ice to deliver any mailings for the Corporation for which
6 the Corporation pays postage fees.

7 (g) COSTS.—The Postal Service shall bear all costs
8 incurred in distributing mailings pursuant to subsections
9 (c) and (d).

10 (h) DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—Any disputes arising
11 from the operations of subsections (a) through (g) shall
12 be resolved by negotiations between the Corporation and
13 the Postal Service if possible, or by the Postal Regulatory
14 Commission. Neither the Postal Service nor the Corpora-
15 tion may fail to comply with the provisions of this Act
16 by reason of such a dispute.

17 (i) CONTRIBUTIONS.—An individual may contribute
18 to the Corporation by sending a payment to any office of
19 the Corporation. Such individual may list the names of
20 additional contributors in such individual's household who
21 are 16 years of age or older and the amount each has
22 contributed.

23 (j) COLLECTION METHODS.—The Corporation may
24 establish an online system through which it can collect
25 contributions from its members or other individuals. This

1 subsection shall not be construed to limit other means
2 through which the Corporation may collect funds.

3 (k) SOLICITATION OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBU-
4 TIONS.—The Corporation may, at its discretion, solicit ad-
5 ditional contributions from its members via email or other
6 digital or electronic means. This subsection shall not be
7 construed to limit other means through which the Cor-
8 poration may collect funds.

9 **SEC. 10. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

10 (a) RETRIBUTION.—No official or employee of the
11 Postal Service, or any other public official or employee or
12 officer, or any employee or agent of any private mail deliv-
13 ery service may interfere or threaten to interfere with or
14 cause any interference with mail delivery to, or penalize
15 or threaten to penalize or cause to be penalized, any per-
16 son who contributes to the Corporation or participates in
17 any of its activities, in retribution for such contribution
18 or participation.

19 (b) INTERFERENCE ETC.—No official or employee of
20 the Postal Service, or any other public official or employee
21 or officer, or employee or agent of any private postal deliv-
22 ery service may prevent, interfere with, or hinder the ac-
23 tivities described in this Act.

24 (c) LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.—No person shall use
25 any list of contributors to the Corporation, nor any part

1 of such list, for purposes other than the conduct of busi-
2 ness of the Corporation as prescribed in this Act. No per-
3 son shall disclose any such list or part thereof to any other
4 person unless the person has substantial reason to believe
5 that such list or part thereof is intended to be used for
6 the lawful purposes described in this Act.

7 (d) PENALTIES.—A person who violates subsection
8 (a), (b), or (c) shall be subject to a civil penalty of not
9 more than \$10,000 for each violation.

10 **SEC. 11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The affairs of the Corporation
12 shall be managed by a board of directors. There shall be
13 21 directors.

14 (b) TERMS.—The term of office of elected directors
15 shall be 3 years and no member shall serve more than
16 2 consecutive terms. One-third of the directors first elect-
17 ed to the board shall serve a 1-year term; one-third of such
18 directors shall serve a 2-year term; and one-third of such
19 directors shall serve a full 3-year term. The directors shall
20 draw lots upon their installation in office to determine the
21 length of their first terms. The term of office of directors
22 appointed pursuant to this Act shall end when the first
23 elected directors are installed in office.

24 (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—Directors shall meet the
25 qualifications for delegates set forth in this Act.

1 (d) COMPENSATION.—The directors shall serve with-
2 out salary, but each director may be entitled to reimburse-
3 ment for actual and necessary expenses. The board of di-
4 rectors shall establish standard allowances for mileage,
5 room, and meals and the purposes for which such allow-
6 ances may be made and shall determine the reasonable-
7 ness and necessity for such reimbursements.

8 (e) RESTRICTIONS.—No director nor members of his
9 or her immediate family shall, either directly or indirectly,
10 be employed for compensation as a staff member or con-
11 sultant of the Corporation.

12 (f) BONDING REQUIREMENT.—Any director who
13 shall handle, disburse, or receive money on behalf of the
14 Corporation shall be bonded. Such bond shall be a cost
15 to the Corporation.

16 (g) DUTY OF REPRESENTATION.—Each director
17 shall represent the interests of residential postal users of
18 the United States.

19 (h) VOTING.—Each director shall have one vote of
20 the board of directors.

21 (i) INSTALLATION OF DIRECTORS.—Elected directors
22 shall be installed in office by the president of the outgoing
23 board of directors.

24 **SEC. 12. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

25 The board of directors shall have the following duties:

1 (1) To establish the policies of the Corporation
2 regarding appearances before the Postal Regulatory
3 Commission, other agencies, the courts, and other
4 public bodies, and regarding the activities which the
5 Corporation has the authority to perform under this
6 Act.

7 (2) To maintain up-to-date membership rolls,
8 and to keep them in confidence to the extent re-
9 quired by this Act.

10 (3) To keep minutes, books, and records, which
11 shall reflect all the acts and transactions of the
12 board of directors, and which shall be open to exam-
13 ination by any member during regular business
14 hours.

15 (4) To make all reports, studies, data per-
16 taining to the finances of the Corporation, and other
17 information compiled by the Corporation, available
18 for public inspection during regular business hours.

19 (5) To maintain for inspection by membership
20 quarterly statements of the financial and substantive
21 operations of the Corporation.

22 (6) To cause the Corporation's books to be au-
23 dited by a certified public accountant at least once
24 each fiscal year, and to make the audit available to
25 the general public.

1 (7) To prepare, as soon as practicable after the
2 close of the Corporation's fiscal year, an annual re-
3 port of the Corporation's financial and substantive
4 operations to be made available for public inspection.

5 (8) To report to the delegates on the past and
6 projected activities and policies of the Corporation.

7 (9) To employ an executive director and to di-
8 rect and supervise his or her activities.

9 (10) To hold regular meetings at least once
10 every 3 months on such dates and at such places as
11 it may determine. Special meetings may be called by
12 the president or by at least one-quarter of the direc-
13 tors upon at least 5 days' notice. A majority of the
14 directors shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of
15 the board of directors and of its committees and
16 subcommittees shall be open to the public. Complete
17 minutes of the meetings shall be kept.

18 (11) To carry out all other duties and respon-
19 sibilities imposed upon the Corporation and the
20 board of directors by this Act.

21 **SEC. 13. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM BOARD OF DIREC-**
22 **TORS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Within 60 days after the date of
24 the enactment of this Act, the President, the Speaker of
25 the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore

1 of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders of the
2 House of Representatives, and the majority and minority
3 leaders of the Senate shall each appoint 2 interim direc-
4 tors of the Corporation to serve until a board of directors
5 is first elected. The interim directors shall be installed in
6 office by the President. If the Corporation fails to reach
7 a membership of 50,000 persons, defined as individuals
8 having contributed \$10 or more to the Corporation, within
9 3 years of the appointment of the complete interim board
10 of directors, the Corporation shall be dissolved after hav-
11 ing satisfied its debts, liabilities, and obligations, to the
12 extent possible, from funds made available to the Corpora-
13 tion.

14 (b) MEMBER CRITERIA.—Individuals considered for
15 appointment to the interim board shall have the same
16 qualifications as candidates for the permanent board of
17 directors pursuant to this Act, represent, to the extent
18 possible, different regions of the United States, and rep-
19 resent categories of citizens’ organizations including—

- 20 (1) consumer groups;
- 21 (2) organizations representing low-income per-
22 sons;
- 23 (3) labor unions;
- 24 (4) civil rights groups;
- 25 (5) neighborhood groups; and

1 (6) elderly groups.

2 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To qualify for nomination or ap-
3 pointment as an interim director of the Corporation rep-
4 resenting a designated category of citizens' organizations,
5 an individual shall be an active officer, employee, or mem-
6 ber of a citizens' organization within such category or pre-
7 viously have been an officer or employee of one or more
8 such citizens' organizations within such category for a cu-
9 mulative period of at least 2 years.

10 (d) REQUIREMENTS.—The interim board of directors
11 shall be subject to the following requirements:

12 (1) Inform the residential postal users of the
13 United States of the existence, nature, and purpose
14 of the Corporation, and encourage residential postal
15 users to join the Corporation's activities and to con-
16 tribute to the Corporation.

17 (2) As soon as possible after appointment, orga-
18 nize for the transaction of business.

19 (3) Elect officers.

20 (4) Employ such staff as the directors deem
21 necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

22 (5) Make all necessary preparations for the first
23 election of delegates and directors, oversee the elec-
24 tion campaign, and tally the votes.

25 (6) Solicit funds for the Corporation.

1 (7) Establish the procedure for members of the
2 Corporation to submit their votes in the election of
3 delegates and for delegates to submit their votes in
4 the election of directors.

5 (8) Carry out all other duties and exercise all
6 other powers accorded to the board of directors
7 under this Act.

8 **SEC. 14. DELEGATES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall elect one
10 delegate from each congressional district in the United
11 States, including the District of Columbia.

12 (b) COMPENSATION.—The delegates shall serve with-
13 out salary.

14 (c) TERMS.—The term of office of delegates shall be
15 2 years and no delegate shall serve more than 2 consecu-
16 tive terms.

17 (d) RESTRICTION.—No delegate nor members of his
18 or her immediate family shall, either directly or indirectly,
19 be employed for compensation as a staff member or con-
20 sultant of the Corporation.

21 (e) BONDING REQUIREMENT.—Any delegate who
22 shall handle, disburse, or receive money on behalf of the
23 Corporation shall be bonded. Such bond shall be a cost
24 to the Corporation.

1 **SEC. 15. DUTIES OF DELEGATES.**

2 The delegates shall have the following duties:

3 (1) To publicize the activities of the Corpora-
4 tion in their districts.

5 (2) To encourage members in their districts to
6 participate in the Corporation's programs and activi-
7 ties.

8 (3) To act as a liaison between the board of di-
9 rectors and members in their districts. To transmit
10 to the board of directors comments, writings, and
11 suggestions concerning the Corporation from mem-
12 bers in their districts and to inform such members
13 of the board's response to their statements.

14 (4) To vote at the annual meeting of delegates
15 and at special meetings of delegates called by the
16 board on matters involving basic changes in the poli-
17 cies and operations of the Corporation. A majority
18 vote of the delegates shall be necessary to institute
19 such changes.

20 (5) To vote on other items submitted to dele-
21 gates by the board of directors at annual and special
22 meetings. A majority vote of the delegates shall indi-
23 cate approval by the delegates of such items.

24 (6) To carry out all other duties and exercise
25 all other powers accorded to delegates under this
26 Act.

1 **SEC. 16. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND DIRECTORS.**

2 (a) **FIRST ELECTION OF DELEGATES.**—Not more
3 than 60 days after the membership of the Corporation has
4 reached 50,000 persons, with at least 100 members in
5 each district, and the Corporation has received \$250,000
6 in contributions, the interim board of directors shall set
7 a date for the first election of delegates and shall notify
8 every member by mail. The date set for the election shall
9 be not less than 4 months nor more than 6 months after
10 such notification.

11 (b) **SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS OF DELEGATES.**—
12 Each general election of delegates other than the first elec-
13 tion shall be held not less than 11 months and not more
14 than 14 months after the last preceding general election.
15 The date of such elections shall be fixed at least 4 months
16 in advance of the date chosen for the election.

17 (c) **PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES.**—
18 The interim board of directors, in accordance with this
19 Act, shall establish the procedure for members of the Cor-
20 poration to submit their votes in the election of delegates
21 and for delegates to submit their votes in the election of
22 directors. All subsequent boards of directors will have the
23 power to make changes to these procedures with a major-
24 ity vote.

25 (d) **FIRST ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**—Within
26 11 months of the first election of delegates, the delegates

1 shall elect a board of directors, consisting of 21 members.
2 Only delegates shall be eligible to run for the board of
3 directors. Any delegate may nominate himself or herself
4 or any other delegate for election to the board.

5 (e) SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS.—Sub-
6 sequent elections of directors shall be held at not less than
7 11 months and not more than 13 months after the last
8 preceding general election. Elections may be held at the
9 annual meeting of delegates if the elections would conform
10 to the requirement of this subsection.

11 **SEC. 17. QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES.**

12 (a) RESTRICTIONS.—No present employee, director,
13 consultant, attorney, accountant, real estate agent, share-
14 holder, bondholder of the Postal Service or the Postal Reg-
15 ulatory Commission shall be eligible to be a delegate or
16 director. No delegate or director nor any candidate for del-
17 egate or director may hold an elective public office or be
18 a candidate for an elective public office or be appointed
19 to hold a public office.

20 (b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DELE-
21 GATES.—To be eligible for election as a delegate, a can-
22 didate must satisfy the following:

- 23 (1) Meet the qualifications for candidates.
24 (2) Submit a petition for nomination.

1 (3) Be a member of the Corporation and resi-
2 dent of the United States district which that indi-
3 vidual seeks to represent as a delegate.

4 (4) Submit a statement of financial interest and
5 a statement of personal background and position.

6 (5) Affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the
7 information contained in the statement of financial
8 interest and personal background and position is
9 true and complete.

10 (c) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECTORS.—

11 To be eligible for election to the board of directors a can-
12 didate must satisfy the following:

13 (1) Meet the qualifications for candidates.

14 (2) Be a member of the corporation and a dele-
15 gate.

16 (3) Submit a petition for nomination.

17 (4) Submit a statement of financial interest and
18 personal background and position.

19 (5) Affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the
20 information contained in the statement of financial
21 interest and personal background and position is
22 true and complete.

23 **SEC. 18. NOMINATION.**

24 (a) LISTS OF CURRENT MEMBERS.—The interim
25 board of directors and every subsequent board of directors

1 shall make available for inspection by any member, upon
2 request, a list of the current members in that member's
3 district. Pursuant to section 11, no person shall use any
4 list of contributors to the Corporation, nor any part of
5 such list, for purposes other than the conduct of business
6 of the Corporation as prescribed in this Act. No person
7 shall disclose any such list or part thereof to any other
8 person unless the person has substantial reason to believe
9 that such list or part thereof is intended to be used for
10 the lawful purposes described in this Act.

11 (b) CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE.—A candidate for
12 election as a delegate shall submit to the board, no later
13 than 60 days prior to the election, a petition for nomina-
14 tion signed by at least 5 percent of the members residing
15 in his or her district. Upon receipt of a member's nomi-
16 nating petition, the board of directors shall certify that
17 such member is a nominated candidate for delegate.

18 (c) CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR.—A candidate for
19 election as a director shall submit to the board, no later
20 than 60 days prior to the election, a petition for nomina-
21 tion signed by at least 5 percent of the delegates. Upon
22 receipt of a member's nominating petition, the board of
23 directors shall certify that such member is a nominated
24 candidate for delegate.

1 **SEC. 19. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS.**

2 A candidate for election as a delegate or director shall
3 submit to the board of directors, not later than 60 days
4 prior to the election, a statement of financial interests
5 upon a form provided by the board of directors. The state-
6 ment of financial interests, which shall be open to public
7 inspection, shall include the following information:

8 (1) The occupation, employer, and position at
9 place of employment of the candidate and of his or
10 her immediate family members.

11 (2) A list of all corporate and organizational di-
12 rectorships or other offices, and of all fiduciary posi-
13 tions held in the past 3 years by the candidate and
14 by his or her immediate family members.

15 (3) An affirmation, subject to penalty of per-
16 jury, that the information contained in the state-
17 ment of financial interests is true and complete.

18 (4) Such other information as the board of di-
19 rectors shall require candidates to disclose, which
20 disclosure is required of other public officials at the
21 time, and shall be in the judgment of the board of
22 directors in the best interests of the Corporation and
23 its members.

1 **SEC. 20. STATEMENT OF PERSONAL BACKGROUND AND PO-**
2 **SITIONS.**

3 A candidate for election as delegate or director shall
4 submit to the board, not later than 60 days prior to the
5 election, on a form to be provided by the board of direc-
6 tors, a statement concerning his or her personal back-
7 ground and positions relating to postal issues or the oper-
8 ations of the Corporation. The statement shall contain an
9 affirmation, subject to penalty of perjury, that the infor-
10 mation contained in the statement of personal background
11 is true and complete and that the candidate meets the
12 qualifications prescribed for delegates and directors.

13 **SEC. 21. STATEMENT OF PLATFORM.**

14 A candidate for election as a delegate or director shall
15 submit to the board, not later than 60 days prior to the
16 election, a 1,000 word, or less, description of their plat-
17 form as a candidate and goals to be pursued as a delegate
18 or director if elected.

19 **SEC. 22. RESTRICTIONS ON AND REPORTING OF CAMPAIGN**
20 **CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES.**

21 (a) CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT LIMITATION.—No can-
22 didate for delegate or director may accept more than \$100
23 in campaign contributions from any person or political
24 committee during the year preceding the date of the elec-
25 tion.

1 (b) RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—Each candidate
2 for election to the board of directors or as a delegate shall
3 keep complete records of all contributions to his or her
4 campaign of fifty dollars or more during the year pre-
5 ceding the election. Such records shall be available for in-
6 spection by the public.

7 (c) RECORD OF EXPENDITURES.—Each candidate
8 shall keep complete records of his or her campaign expend-
9 itures, and such records shall be available for inspection
10 by the public.

11 (d) STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—Each can-
12 didate, no earlier than the next day succeeding the election
13 and no later than 30 days after the election, shall submit
14 to the board of directors, on a form provided by the board
15 of directors, an accurate statement of his or her campaign
16 contributions accepted and campaign expenses incurred,
17 and shall affirm to the board, subject to penalty of per-
18 jury, that he or she has fully complied with the require-
19 ments of this subsection.

20 (e) RESTRICTION REBATING TO DONORS.—No can-
21 didate shall accept campaign contributions from the Post-
22 al Service, the Postal Regulatory Commission, any private
23 postal delivery service, or a for-profit corporation which
24 has spent more than \$1,000,000 on mailings in their pre-
25 vious fiscal year.

1 (f) DISQUALIFICATION.—If the board of directors de-
2 termines that the candidate’s campaign expenses have ex-
3 ceeded the limits contained in this section, the candidate
4 shall be disqualified and may be required to pay the ex-
5 penses incurred by the Corporation in mailing that can-
6 didate’s statement of personal background and position.
7 The Corporation may pursue all civil remedies to recover
8 the cost of mailing the candidate’s statement of personal
9 background and position. In the event of disqualification,
10 the board of directors shall call a special election to be
11 held not fewer than 4 months and not more than 6 months
12 after the determination of disqualification.

13 (g) LIMITATION ON USE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBU-
14 TIONS.—No candidate may use any campaign contribution
15 for any purpose except for campaign expenditures.

16 **SEC. 23. ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR DELEGATES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The board of directors shall send
18 or have sent to each member in the district of a candidate
19 for delegate, to be postmarked no later than 20 days be-
20 fore the date fixed for a special or general election, the
21 following:

22 (1) An official ballot listing all candidates for
23 delegate from the member’s district who have com-
24 plied with the requirements of this Act.

1 (2) Each such candidate's statement of finan-
2 cial interests.

3 (3) Each such candidate's statement of per-
4 sonal background and positions.

5 (4) Each such candidate's statement of their
6 platform.

7 (b) VOTING.—Each residential postal user who is a
8 member of the Corporation on the 13th day preceding a
9 special or general election may cast a vote in such election
10 by returning his or her official ballot, properly marked,
11 to the principal office of the Corporation by 8 p.m. of the
12 date fixed for the election. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
13 The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in
14 each district shall be declared elected as a delegate.

15 (c) RULES.—The board of directors may prescribe
16 rules for the conduct of elections and election campaigns
17 not inconsistent with this Act.

18 **SEC. 24. ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR DIRECTORS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The board of directors shall send
20 or have sent to each delegate, to be postmarked no later
21 than 20 days before the date fixed for a special or general
22 election, the following:

23 (1) An official ballot listing all candidates for
24 director who have complied with the requirements of
25 this Act.

1 (2) Each such candidate's statement of finan-
2 cial interests.

3 (3) Each such candidate's statement of per-
4 sonal background and positions.

5 (4) Each such candidate's statement of their
6 platform.

7 (b) VOTING.—Each member of the Corporation who
8 is a delegate on the 30th day preceding a special or gen-
9 eral election may cast a vote in such election by returning
10 his or her official ballot, properly marked, to the principal
11 office of the Corporation by 8 p.m. of the date fixed for
12 the election, or by casting such vote in person if an elec-
13 tion is held at an annual or special meeting of delegates.
14 Voting shall be by secret ballot.

15 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Each delegate may vote for a
16 maximum of 21 candidates for director and may cast only
17 one vote for each candidate. If over 21 candidates each
18 receive at least 30 percent of the vote on the first ballot,
19 the 21 candidates with the highest number of votes shall
20 be elected to the board. If less than 21 candidates receive
21 at least 30 percent of the vote on the first ballot, the sec-
22 ond ballot shall be conducted to elect candidates to the
23 remaining positions on the board. If there are 15 or more
24 remaining positions left after the first ballot, then the
25 names of the 40 candidates, excluding those already elect-

1 ed, who received the highest number of votes in the first
2 ballot shall be placed on the second ballot, and the can-
3 didates receiving the highest number of votes on the sec-
4 ond ballot shall be elected to the remaining positions. If
5 there are less than 40 candidates for the remaining posi-
6 tions, the names of all remaining candidates shall be
7 placed on the second ballot. If there are less than 15 re-
8 maining positions left after the first ballot, then the names
9 of the 25 candidates, excluding those already elected, who
10 received the highest number of votes on the first ballot
11 shall be placed on the second ballot, and the candidates
12 receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot
13 shall be elected to the remaining positions. If there are
14 less than 25 candidates for the remaining positions, the
15 names of all remaining candidates shall be placed on the
16 second ballot.

17 (d) RULES.—The board of directors may prescribe
18 rules for the conduct of elections and election campaigns
19 not inconsistent with this Act.

20 **SEC. 25. INSTALLATION OF ELECTED CANDIDATES.**

21 The president of the board of directors shall install
22 in office within 30 days after the election all elected can-
23 didates who meet the qualifications prescribed in this Act.

1 **SEC. 26. RECALL OF DIRECTORS.**

2 Upon receipt by the president of the board of direc-
3 tors of a petition to recall any director with the valid sig-
4 natures of at least 40 percent of the delegates, 40 percent
5 of the members of the district from which such director
6 was elected as delegate, or 10 percent of the Corporation's
7 total membership, the president shall call a special elec-
8 tion, to be held not less than 4 months and not more than
9 6 months after receipt of the petition, for the purpose of
10 electing a director to serve out the term of the recalled
11 director; except that no petition to recall a director may
12 be filed within 6 months of his or her election. A director
13 may become a candidate in an election following his or
14 her own recall. A director recalled shall continue to serve
15 until the installation in office of his or her replacement.
16 A director who has been recalled shall be allowed to com-
17 plete his or her term of office as a delegate, unless the
18 petition for recall clearly states that its purpose is to recall
19 a person from the office of delegate as well as director.
20 No delegate removed from office shall be allowed to con-
21 tinue serving as director.

22 **SEC. 27. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

23 If a director dies, resigns, is disqualified, or otherwise
24 vacates his or her office, except as provided in section 24,
25 the board of directors shall select, within 3 months, a suc-
26 cessor from among the delegates for the remainder of the

1 director's term of office. Any director may nominate any
2 qualified delegate as successor. The board of directors
3 shall select the successor from among those nominated,
4 by a two-thirds majority of the remaining directors
5 present and voting. The successor shall be installed in of-
6 fice by the president of the board of directors.

7 **SEC. 28. RECALL OF DELEGATES.**

8 Upon receipt by the president of the board of direc-
9 tors of a petition to recall any delegate with the valid sig-
10 natures of at least 40 percent of the members from such
11 delegate's district, the president shall call a special elec-
12 tion for the district to be held not less than 4 months and
13 not more than 6 months after receipt of the petition, for
14 the purpose of electing a delegate to serve out the term
15 of the recalled delegate; except that no petition to recall
16 a delegate may be filed within 6 months of his or her elec-
17 tion. A delegate may become a candidate in an election
18 following his or her own recall. The delegate recalled shall
19 continue to serve until the installment in office of his or
20 her successor.

21 **SEC. 29. VACANCIES OF DELEGATES.**

22 If a delegate dies, resigns, is disqualified, or other-
23 wise vacates his or her office, the board of directors shall
24 hold, within 3 months of the date on which such vacancy
25 was created, an election in the delegate's district for the

1 purpose of electing a successor for the remainder of the
2 delegate's term of office. The successor shall be installed
3 by the president of the board of directors.

4 **SEC. 30. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF DELEGATES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—An annual meeting of delegates
6 shall be held on a date and at a place within the United
7 States of America to be determined by the board of direc-
8 tors. The board of directors may determine that this meet-
9 ing should be held via a conference call or other digital
10 or electronic media.

11 (b) VOTING PROCEDURES, ETC.—All delegates shall
12 be eligible to attend, participate in, and vote in the annual
13 meeting of delegates. Two-thirds of the delegates shall
14 constitute a quorum. Each delegate shall have one vote
15 at such meeting. Should the board of directors determine
16 that the annual meeting be held via a conference call or
17 other digital or electronic media, the votes of each delegate
18 may be cast electronically.

19 (c) AGENDA ITEMS.—Items may be placed on the
20 meeting's agenda by the following methods:

21 (1) By request of any director or delegate not
22 less than 5 days and not more than 4 months in ad-
23 vance of the date of such meeting.

24 (2) By petition containing the valid signatures
25 of at least 20 percent of the members of any district

1 or at least one percent of the total membership.

2 Such petition must be filed with the board of direc-
3 tors not less than 2 days and not more than 5
4 months in advance of the date of such meeting.

5 (d) FORMAT.—The form of the annual meeting of
6 delegates shall be provided in the laws of the United
7 States and the District of Columbia regarding not-for-
8 profit membership corporations.

9 (e) OPEN MEETINGS.—The annual meeting of dele-
10 gates shall be open to the public. Members shall be given
11 a reasonable opportunity at such meeting to present their
12 comments, criticisms and suggestions concerning the Cor-
13 poration, but members may not vote at such meeting.

14 (f) EXPENSE OF DELEGATES.—The treasurer shall
15 reimburse delegates for actual expenses necessarily in-
16 curred by them in the performance of their duties and for
17 such expenses only.

18 (g) SPECIAL MEETINGS.—The directors may hold a
19 special meeting of delegates to consult with delegates on
20 matters concerning the Corporation's policies, activities,
21 and operations. The board of directors shall set a time
22 and place for a special meeting and shall inform every del-
23 egate of such time and place not less than 14 days and
24 not more than 60 days in advance of the date of such
25 meeting. The directors shall be required to call a special

1 meeting when they receive a petition containing the valid
2 signatures of over 50 percent of the delegates or at least
3 5 percent of the members or when the majority of dele-
4 gates vote for such a meeting. The meeting shall be held
5 not more than 30 days after the filing of such petition
6 or the date of such vote.

7 **SEC. 31. OFFICERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the first regular meeting of the
9 board of directors at which a quorum is present and subse-
10 quent to the initial appointment of directors, and at the
11 first regular meeting of the board of directors at which
12 a quorum is present subsequent to the installation of new
13 directors following each annual election, the board shall
14 elect by a majority vote of members present and voting
15 from among the directors a president, a vice-president, a
16 secretary, and a treasurer. The board also has the power
17 to elect a comptroller and such other officers as it deems
18 necessary.

19 (b) TERMS.—Officers shall be installed by the presi-
20 dent immediately upon their election. The term of office
21 for officers shall be one year, except that an officer may
22 resign, or may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote
23 of all the directors. After an officer's term of office has
24 expired, the officer shall continue to serve until his or her
25 successor is installed.

1 (c) SUCCESSIONS.—If an officer dies, resigns, is re-
2 moved, or otherwise vacates his or her office, the board
3 of directors shall elect a successor to serve out such offi-
4 cer's term of office.

5 (d) POWERS AND DUTIES.—The officers shall exer-
6 cise such powers and perform such duties as are pre-
7 scribed by this Act or are delegates to them by the board
8 of directors.

9 **SEC. 32. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The executive director hired by
11 the board of directors shall have the same qualifications
12 as a candidate. The executive director may not be a can-
13 didate for the board of directors or delegate while serving
14 as executive director. The by-laws of the Corporation shall
15 provide a method for discharging the executive director,
16 but in no event shall such discharge occur unless one-half
17 of the directors plus one shall have consented to such dis-
18 charge.

19 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The board of directors shall
20 require all applicants for the position of executive director
21 of the Corporation to file a financial statement. The board
22 of directors shall require the executive director to file a
23 financial statement annually.

24 (c) DUTIES.—The executive director shall have the
25 following duties:

1 (1) To implement the policies of the board of
2 directors.

3 (2) To employ and discharge employees of the
4 Corporation.

5 (3) To supervise the offices, facilities and work
6 of the employees of the Corporation.

7 (4) To have custody of and maintain the books,
8 records and membership rolls of the Corporation.

9 (5) To prepare and submit to the board of di-
10 rectors annual and quarterly statements of the fi-
11 nancial estimates for the operations of the Corpora-
12 tion.

13 (6) To attend and participate in meetings of
14 the board of directors as a non-voting director.

15 (7) To exercise such other powers and perform
16 such other duties as the board of directors delegate.

17 **SEC. 33. RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAW AND POLICY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The not-for-profit corporation law
19 of the District of Columbia applies to the Corporation, ex-
20 cept that if any provision of the not-for-profit corporation
21 law conflicts with any provision of this Act, the conflicting
22 provision of the not-for-profit law shall not apply in such
23 case. If any provision of this Act relates to a matter em-
24 braced in the not-for-profit corporation law but is not in
25 conflict therewith, both provisions shall apply.

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
2 shall be construed to limit the right of any individual or
3 group or class of individuals to initiate, intervene in, or
4 otherwise participate in any proceeding before any regu-
5 latory agency or court; nor to require any petition or noti-
6 fication to the Corporation as a condition precedent to
7 such right, nor to relieve any postal agency, court or other
8 public body of any obligation, or affect its discretion to
9 permit intervention or participation by a postal user or
10 class of postal users in any proceeding or activity, nor to
11 limit the right of any individual or individuals to obtain
12 administrative or judicial review.

13 (c) CLARIFYING PROVISION.—The intervention or
14 participation of the Corporation in a proceeding or activity
15 shall not affect the obligation of any regulatory agency
16 or other public body to operate in the public interest.

17 **SEC. 34. CORRUPT PRACTICES AND CONFLICTS OF INTER-**
18 **EST.**

19 (a) DONATIONS.—No person may offer or give any-
20 thing of monetary value to any director, delegate, em-
21 ployee, or agent of the Corporation if the offer or gift in-
22 fluences, or is intended to influence, the action or judg-
23 ment of the director, employee or agent of the Corporation
24 in his or her capacity as director, delegate, employee or
25 agent of the Corporation.

1 (b) SOLICITATIONS, ETC.—No director, delegate, em-
2 ployee or agent of the Corporation may solicit or accept
3 anything of monetary value from any person if their solici-
4 tation or acceptance influences, or is intended to influence,
5 the official action or judgment of the director, employee
6 or agent in his or her capacity as director, employee or
7 agent of the Corporation.

8 (c) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any person who knowingly and
9 willfully violates this section shall be subject to a civil pen-
10 alty of not more than \$10,000.

11 (d) REMOVAL.—The board of directors shall remove
12 from any director, delegate, employee or agent of the Cor-
13 poration violating the provisions of this section.

14 **SEC. 35. PENALTIES.**

15 A violation of any provision of this Act pertaining to
16 conduct by the Postal Service of officers or employees
17 thereof shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than
18 \$10,000 for each violation.

19 **SEC. 36. CONSTRUCTION.**

20 This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the
21 United States and its inhabitants, shall be liberally con-
22 strued to effect its purposes.

23 **SEC. 37. SEVERABILITY.**

24 If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Act
25 or the application thereof be adjudged by a court of com-

1 petent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not
2 affect, impair or invalidate the remainder, and the applica-
3 tion thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the
4 clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof directly in-
5 volved in the controversy in which such judgment shall
6 have been rendered.

7 **SEC. 38. DEFINITIONS.**

8 For purposes of this Act:

9 (1) The term “individual residential postal
10 user” means any person who sends or receives let-
11 ters, packages, and other items through the Postal
12 Service.

13 (2) The term “private mail delivery service”
14 means any establishment which regularly delivers
15 second-class, third-class, fourth-class, overnight, or
16 other category of mail for profit.

17 (3) The term “agency” means any local, State,
18 or Federal department, commission, office, authority
19 or other public body with the legal authority to es-
20 tablish or alter rates or services for the provision of
21 postal services within the United States.

22 (4) The term “proceeding” means any formal
23 hearing or meeting conducted by the Postal Service,
24 the Postal Regulatory Commission, or any other
25 agency or subdivision thereof, including a meeting

1 conducted by an administrative law judge, regard-
2 ing—

3 (A) the establishment or alteration of rates
4 and charges for the provision of postal services
5 within the United States;

6 (B) the promulgation of rules and regula-
7 tions concerning postal services and other mat-
8 ters that affect the interests of individual resi-
9 dential postal consumers;

10 (C) adjudication of complaints, claims, dis-
11 putes and petitions of residential postal users;
12 or

13 (D) the gathering of information on mat-
14 ters that affect the interests of individual resi-
15 dential postal consumers.

16 (5) The term “Corporation” means the Post
17 Office Consumer Action Group, Incorporated.

18 (6) The term “member” means any person who
19 meets the requirements for membership in the Cor-
20 poration set forth in this Act.

21 (7) The term “director” means any member of
22 the Corporation duly elected or appointed to the
23 board of directors of the Corporation.

24 (8) The term “delegate” means any person duly
25 elected or appointed as a delegate under this Act.

1 (9) The term “district” means a district des-
2 ignated by the board of directors pursuant to this
3 Act.

4 (10) The term “campaign expenditure” means
5 a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, de-
6 posit, or gift of money or anything of value, made
7 for the purpose of electing a candidate as a director
8 or delegate, or a contract, promise, or agreement
9 therefore.

10 (11) The term “campaign contribution” means
11 money, goods, services, or other benefits paid, made,
12 loaned, given, conferred, or promised, including but
13 not limited to, use of office space, telephones, equip-
14 ment, staff services and provisions of meals, drinks,
15 entertainment, services or transportation made for
16 the purpose of electing a candidate as a director or
17 delegate.

18 (12) The term “political committee” means any
19 committee, club, association, or other group of per-
20 sons which makes campaign expenditures or receives
21 campaign contributions during the year before an
22 election of directors or delegates.

23 (13) The term “Postal Service” means the
24 United States Postal Service.

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