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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

August 11, 2004

Dear President Bush:

We are writing today on behalf of hundreds of millions of American postal ratepayers regarding the nomination of Mr. Dawn Tisdale to fill a vacancy on the Postal Rate Commission (PRC).

While we recognize that Mr. Tisdale has extensive experience working within the United States Postal Service in a variety of capacities, that in itself has caused us concerns as to his ability to objectively review and evaluate various matters which may come before the Commission. These concerns were elevated by comments made by Mr. Tisdale during his April 29, 2004 confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, as well as written answers Mr. Tisdale submitted to questions prior to his hearing.

The notion of someone from a regulated operation suddenly being put in a position of regulator over that very same operation is rather unusual and could be contradictory to the PRC's stated mission. In short, we fear Mr. Tisdale would be a "rubber stamp" for the interests of the USPS and its unions rather than an objective, independent citizen/ratepayer watchdog.

It is for this reason we write you today. We believe Mr. Tisdale's nomination warrants further scrutiny by the United States Senate and respectfully request that you not exercise your rightful authority to appoint Mr. Tisdale during the summer recess. We make this request in order for the Senate's normal confirmation process to continue and afford senators the opportunity to more thoroughly investigate and question the nominee's positions on a number of issues of concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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