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Postmaster General David Steiner
United States Postal Service Headquarters
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Washington, D.C. 20260-0010

Dear Postmaster General Steiner:

I write regarding my constituents' concerns over ongoing newspaper delivery issues in Lewis County, Washington. In rural communities like mine, where reliable internet access is not guaranteed, the local newspaper remains a primary and essential source of information about community affairs, public safety, and major news.

Over the past month, my constituents in Lewis County have noted issues with the routine delivery of their local newspapers – sometimes going an entire week without receiving a daily paper. This issue seems to be a particular problem for constituents who use a PO Box. At a time when our state is suffering from back-to-back significant weather events, reliable and timely postal service is critical to keep our community safe and informed.

These impacts extend beyond individual subscribers. Local press outlets have reported receiving angry calls from customers frustrated by missing or delayed deliveries, or seeing long-time subscribers cancel their subscriptions altogether. This is threatening the viability of our local independent media.

I recognize that the unique mission of the United States Postal Service is not an easy job, but it is an important one. I hope you will consider providing my office with any insight into the causes of these delivery issues in Lewis County and working collaboratively with local newspapers to resolve them as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MGP', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
Member of Congress