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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman:

I am writing in opposition to the Flake amendment to H.R. 22, the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act. The amendment creates up to 20 pilot programs to explore alternative means of providing postal services and delivery methods. The amendment appears to be aimed at granting the U.S. Postal Service the authority to pursue new methods of providing postal services to its customers.

The Postal Service already allows for the delivery of certain postal services by individuals other than its employees. For example, the Postal Service contracts with businesses to supplement its retail service network. These businesses, called Contract Postal Units (CPUs), sell postal retail products and services in their place of business.

The Postal Service also contracts with individuals to perform delivery services in certain communities. Highway Contract Route (HCR) personnel are used to provide the same or similar forms of mail delivery services as those performed by city and/or rural route delivery postal employees. In addition, a large portion of the Postal Service's transportation is provided by trucking and air carriers/cargo firms.

While the Postal Service is not opposed to innovative ideas, the mechanism created by the Flake amendment seems unnecessarily complicated and burdensome to implement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T G Day", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas G. Day