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Mr. Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260-3500

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I write to bring your attention to the Hudson Post Office, which is in my district and has recently seen two of its U.S. Postal Service employees test positive for COVID-19. I understand the challenges faced by the U.S. Postal Service during the ongoing pandemic to continue operations at the most efficient levels possible while also maintaining high safety standards for both customers and Postal Service employees. With that in mind, I ask for your assistance in guaranteeing that the Hudson Post Office and others throughout my district in Northeast Ohio are abiding by workplace guidelines and protocols which prioritize the health and well-being of employees.

Postal Service employees have played a commendable role during the current pandemic, continuing their work in the face of increased on-the-job exposure to the COVID-19 virus. I applaud you and U.S. Postal Service leadership for placing an emphasis on the safety and wellness of employees by encouraging and disseminating the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). After receiving feedback from local officials and Postal Service employees in my district, I want to be sure that this emphasis has in practice translated to safe and clean workplaces for Postal Service employees in Northeast Ohio.

Among the important steps that must be taken to protect employees are regularly cleaning and disinfecting workplaces, enacting protocols to keep employees properly distanced from one another during the workday, and ensuring that employees who have either tested positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 notify their supervisor and not return to work until the criteria to stop home-isolation have been met. Testing employees who may have been in contact with infected individuals or otherwise exposed to the virus is also important to containing the spread.

Seeing that two employees of the Hudson Post Office have tested positive for COVID-19 and having heard concern about the response to those positive tests, I ask that you ensure these and other steps to protect employees have been taken. I would appreciate an update on these efforts in Hudson and am hopeful that they are already underway. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Joyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent.

David P. Joyce
Member of Congress