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The Honorable Thomas M. Davis, III
Chairman
Committee on Government Reform
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Dear Chairman ~~Davis~~: **TOM**

I have received several complaints from constituents and small businesses in my district who are experiencing irregular pick-up and delivery times for mail handled by the U.S. Postal Service. Specifically, mail is being delivered late in the evening and pick-up times have been arbitrarily moved up to early in the afternoon.

These problems are having an adverse impact on businesses in my district and are affecting the quality of residential mail service. Although I have attempted to resolve these issues with local USPS employees at the staff level, service has not improved. It is my understanding that other Members of Congress are receiving similar complaints, which suggests that these problems are not isolated occurrences and may be indicative of more systemic disruptions within the USPS as a whole. In fact, local media recently reported that delivery problems are occurring throughout the greater Los Angeles area, not just in the communities I represent. Now that the holiday season is well behind us, it is unlikely that the inconsistent service is the result of high mail volume.

For these reasons, I applaud your decision to hold a hearing to call on the USPS to account for the unreliable service it is currently providing in the Los Angeles area. I also request that you ask the USPS to address the issues I have raised when that hearing takes place. Like you, I believe it is important to understand why the level of service has declined dramatically in recent months.

Sincerely,

David Dreier