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Dear Postmaster DeJoy, et al:

Thank you for your timely response to our November 11, 2022, letter. We greatly appreciate your attention to our concerns regarding postal theft in southeast Texas.

It is alarming to hear that there were more than 200 documented cases of postal theft in Galveston alone in fiscal years (FY) 2021 and 2022. Our aim is to restore the faith in our constituency that the United States Postal Service (USPS) is actively investigating and making necessary operational changes at all levels to fight postal theft.

We are encouraged to hear that culpable postal employees investigated by the USPS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) have been removed and are being prosecuted. We are also pleased to know that the USPS OIG is focusing on the greater Houston area as a part of a nationwide audit on postal theft concerns. We are hopeful that efforts will help deter future postal theft, while allocating to law enforcement the resources needed to combat these issues. Our offices stand ready to assist in stopping postal theft and other malign activity.

Please respond to the following questions by **February 24, 2023**:

1. Please share any updates on the charges against postal employees that are being prosecuted in federal court.
2. How many postal thefts have been reported so far in the first half of FY23?
3. What techniques are organized criminals utilizing to defraud constituents, and what actions has the USPS advised local law enforcement to take? Does the USPS have any additional advice to offer constituents and businesses to protect themselves against postal theft?
4. What solutions have you and the Galveston Police Department reached regarding additional collection box security, and what progress have you made in investigations?
5. Have you been regularly briefing law enforcement partners on how to handle the increase in postal theft and its growing complexity?

6. How often will we continue to be updated as these investigations continue?

Thank you for your time and for the advice provided in your previous correspondence. We have conveyed that information with our constituents and are happy to share any additional guidance you may offer.

Sincerely,



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United States Representative



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