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UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

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The Honorable Bill Posey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2150 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Posey:

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service works tirelessly to ensure public trust in the mail. The unique status of political and election mail make its security a top priority during every election cycle. Whether a customer is sending campaign mailings, ballot materials, voter registration cards, or absentee ballot applications, the Postal Inspection Service monitors political and election mail as it moves through the postal network to prevent, identify and resolve any issues that might interfere with its secure and timely delivery.

During October and November 2020, Postal Inspectors across the country regularly conducted security reviews to ensure election-related mail was promptly dispatched and delivered. In order to preserve the integrity of our investigations and to prevent fundamental unfairness to the subjects of those investigations, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service does not confirm, deny, or otherwise comment on the existence of its ongoing investigations.

Regarding your request for information concerning the investigation of allegations made by a USPS employee in Erie, Pennsylvania, please be aware that matter would be better addressed by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS OIG). The USPS OIG is the independent agency charged with investigating allegations of USPS employee misconduct.

Rest assured, Postal Inspectors are committed to protecting postal customers, enforcing laws that defend the mail system from illegal use, and ensuring the public's trust in the mail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you with this or other matters under the jurisdiction of the Postal Inspection Service.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Barksdale".

Gary Barksdale  
Chief Postal Inspector