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Mr. Darrell Issa, Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Issa:

I am writing to express my strenuous disagreement with your letter dated July 11, 2011, regarding the television ad sponsored by the APWU, which is airing on CNN, MSNBC and FOX News.

The APWU stands by the ad, which dispels the myth that the USPS is funded by taxpayers. As you point out in your letter, "it is true that the Postal Service no longer receives an annual subsidy for basic operations from the federal government, and has not for some time." This is a simple fact that the ad accurately conveys to the American people.

We reject your letter's attempt to obscure this fundamental truth. Your reference to so-called "implicit subsidies" incorrectly suggests that the Postal Service is being funded by taxpayers.

Our ad is correct: The Postal Service is not subsidized by taxpayers. We will continue to publicize this important truth.

Sincerely,

Cliff Guffey
President

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