

**Excerpt of Chairman Peters Opening Statement As Prepared for Delivery
Full Committee Hearing: Nominations of Anton A. Hajjar, Amber F. McReynolds, and
Ronald Stroman to be Governors, U.S. Postal Service
April 22, 2021**

Mr. Hajjar, Mr. Stroman, and Ms. McReynolds, if confirmed, you will help lead the U.S. Postal Service, an essential public service for nearly 250 years, that countless Americans rely on for affordable and reliable delivery of medications, financial documents, for running their small business, and more.

As you all know, the Postal Service and its dedicated workers continue facing unique challenges that have been compounded by the ongoing pandemic. And, last year we saw service standards fall dramatically due to changes that were made without consulting Congress or even studying their possible effects.

Though the current situation has improved, the Postal Service continues to face enormous challenges in providing timely delivery and planning for its future.

Given these challenges, it is essential that nominees to the Board of Governors are qualified leaders who will focus on service, and work with Congress to ensure our postal workforce has the right support to deliver for the American people each and every day.

Mr. Hajjar, as a legal expert who has worked extensively on labor-management relations, you have a strong knowledge of how to forge compromises, and understand the unique challenges faced by the Postal Service's large and diverse workforce.

Ms. McReynolds, as the chief executive of a nonprofit and former senior local government official, you are a proven leader who has experience working with a variety of stakeholder groups. From our conversations, it is clear you are knowledgeable on how the Postal Service works with states, clients and constituents to deliver mail across the nation.

Mr. Stroman, you are a lifelong public servant, and as former Deputy Postmaster General, you have a deep operational knowledge of the Postal Service. You also have an extensive record of working across the aisle as its former head of government relations.

All of you have diverse and extensive leadership, public service, and legal experience that have prepared you to take on this new role, bring fresh perspectives, and address the challenges the Postal Service faces.

I look forward to hearing more from each of you about your vision for improving the Postal Service, increasing accountability, and working to ensure every American, including veterans, small business owners, rural residents, underserved communities, and seniors, can count on the Postal Service.