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USPS Subsidized Fuel for Sub-contractors



To Your Senator:

The Honorable (full name)
(Room #) (Name) Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

To Your Representative:

The Honorable (full name)
(Room #) (Name) House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

I am writing you today because I am a postal employee, but also an active voter in your (district/state) and I have real concerns about how the United States Postal Service (USPS) favors the Highway Contract Route (HCR) companies over postal employees.

At my facility, the USPS subsidize the contractors by buying them fuel which has no road taxes and at a reduce rate because the USPS buys in volume. While the USPS will claim that the price of this fuel is the same for postal vehicle service and highway contractor routes, the administration of this program is billed solely to postal vehicle service, therefore inflating postal vehicle service costs.

No private enterprise or any other industry that I am aware of has their fuel cost subsidize. At a time when I personally am paying an exuberant rate for fuel, any savings by buying fuel in bulk is a tremendous advantage that the contractor would have over its competition.

I am asking that you please intervene and have the USPS stop subsidizing HCR contractors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code

Date

Servicing/Repairing Contractors Trucks on Postal Property

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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

To Your Representative:

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Dear Representative:

I am writing to you to complain about the fact that the United States Postal Service (USPS) where I am employed is subsidizing outside contracting companies. The Highway Contract Route (HCR) companies are parking at my facility free of charge. This allows them to maintain a business without having to have commercial property.

Parking in my area is very expensive and if I ran a trucking company and I did not have to pay for parking space or storage equipment, it would be a great boom to me and put me at a tremendous advantage. Postal Vehicle Service (PVS) is actually charge overhead and even though the contractors are parking at my facility for free, the cost is being charged to PVS.

I feel this is unfair and unjust. At my facility the contractors have been known to service the trucks on postal property. That brings up a great concern to me relating to environmental protection agency issues that I feel is in violation of the law. The contractors should not be changing fluids or servicing trucks on postal property.

Please contact the USPS and have them stop subsidizing HCR contracts. It is unfair and I believe it is a violation of the law. Thank you,

Sincerely,

Your Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code



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Free Office Space Provided to Sub-contractors

To Your Senator:

The Honorable (full name)
(Room #) (Name) Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

To Your Representative:

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(Room #) (Name) House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

I am writing you today to complain that the United States Postal Service (USPS) is subsidizing Highway Contract Route (HCR) companies in my area. I find this offensive because as a postal employee, I am constantly battered by the outside interest and demeaned by the mailers yet; the USPS is subsidizing these very contractors and making it difficult to justify my job while they are given valuable commodities to the contractors for free.

At my installation they provide free office space to the contractors so they can supervise their employees. The USPS provides a "swing room" (break room) and other amenities that a normal trucking company would not get for free at a customer's place of business. I believe this is unfair, unjustified and a deterrent to free enterprise.

Please have the USPS stop subsidizing HCR contractors. Thank you for your action in this matter.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code



Date

Drug Testing Procedure for Sub-contractors

To Your Senator:

The Honorable (full name)
(Room #) (Name) Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

To Your Representative:

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(Room #) (Name) House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

I am a postal employee at _____ . We have many Highway Contract Route companies working for the United States Postal Service (USPS). Some of these operations are very small. It has come to my attention through a recent GAO report that there are serious problems with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and drug testing.

Many small trucking companies including Highway Contract Route (HCR) companies are owner operators. The GAO found it to be a very serious issue when the employer is the employee when they test positive for drugs and alcohol, that is if they are even in the drug pool to be tested. Many of these employees are not and there is no incentive and no means to enforce that a driver who test positive for drugs or alcohol is removed from driving duties. In fact, the GAO found many times this just does not happening.

I base my opinion on the May, 2008; Federal Motor Carrier Safety Report by GAO entitled, "Improvements to Drug Testing Programs". It is very frightening for me and my family to go down the road to know that many small companies are evading their duty to have the drivers tested and if they are found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol not taking the appropriate steps to rehabilitate them.



The GAO also found that the potential for cheating is tremendous. That even goes to the extent that people are having substitutes replace them to provide a urine specimen. The testing sites are not following DOT protocol. Even when protocol is followed, the potential for cheating is still there and still very easy to do.

Please contact the USPS and have all people who transport mails provide urine samples by the same method that postal employees do. I know the postal employee's mythologies for providing samples are some of the strictest in the industry. I am also aware that postal employees if not the lowest is one of the lowest rates of positive tests. It would be no more of a burden to have the USPS take HCR contractors to the testing sites than it is to take Postal Vehicle Service employees. Knowing that people who are not under the influence of drugs and alcohol are transporting mail for the USPS is greatly comforting to me.

Thank you for your intervention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Address

City, State, Zip code

Sub-contractors Preferred Over Veterans

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Dear Senator:

To Your Representative:

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Dear Representative:

I am writing to you today as a (veteran/disabled veteran and also as a voting citizen in your (district/state). I have serious concerns about how the United States Postal Service gives an unfair advantage to Highway Contract Route companies when competing for transportation routes which could be performed by postal employees by allowing these companies to stage equipment on postal property, allowing these companies to operate postal equipment, and subsidizing fuel cost to these companies. All of these benefits enhance the Highway Contract Route company's profit, but those profits are not passed on to the contract employee which means the wages paid to these employees are inferior to the wages paid to postal employees.

Since the United States Postal Service has previously been one of the largest employers of veterans in this country, I believe favoring Highway Route Contractors over men and women who volunteer to serve our country in the Armed Forces is an injustice. What other way can the United States of America show the military men and women that they appreciate our service to this country if we do not have decent paying jobs to come home to?

I am asking that you please intervene and have the United States Postal Service stop subsidizing Highway Contract Routes. Thank you for your intervention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Your Name
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