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The Honorable Edolphus Towns
Chairman, Oversight and Government Reform
House of Representatives

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
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House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Towns and Ranking Member Issa:

As the National President of the 26,000 members of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), I am asking for your assistance regarding a matter that impacts my 1,100 Postal Inspection Service members. As a means to protect and preserve Postal Inspectors' law enforcement pay (LEP), I am asking for your support to amend Title 39, Section 1003 (C) as follows:

"Compensation and benefits for all Postal Inspectors shall be maintained on a standard of comparability to the compensation and benefits paid for comparable levels of work performed by Criminal Investigators in the GS-1811 series in the Executive Branch of the Government outside the Postal Service."

The current wording in the statute does not clearly define who the Inspectors' counterparts in the Executive Branch are. By implementing the above proposed language, you will ensure that our dedicated Postal Inspectors continue to get paid on the same fair level as their Executive Branch counterparts, i.e., Criminal Investigators with the FBI, ICE, ATF, USSS, IRS, etc.

This proposal amounts to a no-cost effect. In fact, it will save the Postal Service a substantial amount by reducing the alarming attrition that this pay issue has caused. Since the Postal Inspection Service will be on a hiring freeze through fiscal year 2010, the agency cannot afford to have their workforce depleted beyond its current low level. It also costs the Postal Inspection Service a

significant amount of money to hire and train new Inspectors to replace those who have left. While the Postal Service bears down to weather a taxing fiscal crisis, the public's confidence in the mail system is as important as ever. Postal Inspectors are at the front line protecting the integrity of the mail system, and a decimated workforce would only serve to weaken public confidence. We are not asking for more; rather, we're looking to protect and preserve our Postal Inspector's current pay.

This is a priority matter for the F.L.E.O.A., and I stand ready to assist you in any way possible to ensure this important issue is addressed.

Respectfully,

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National President