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President Barack H. Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the 35,000 members of our association, I am writing to express our collective disappointment that you chose to use the Postal Service as a scapegoat and an example of inefficiency. Your remarks compared the Postal Service unfavorably to FedEx and the United Parcel Service, two organizations which, in your words, "are doing just fine."

First of all, the Postal Service, UPS and FedEx are all currently struggling with the effects of the economy, and your negative references to the Postal Service without knowledge of the facts was a disservice not only to the members of our organization, but to all postal employees.

The Postal Service has reacted swiftly to the problems of the current economy by the reduction of 29 million workhours over the same period last year. The Postal Service has also eliminated the use of eight million hours of overtime over the same period last year. Postal Service revenues are down by 8.4% compared to last year while United Parcel Service revenue is down nearly 17% over last year and FedEx revenue is more than 20% lower than last year. We are all feeling the same effects.

These three delivery companies have experienced downturns in business through no fault of their own. In the Postal Service we are now completing the reductions of over 3,000 management positions. With all of these efforts underway within the Postal Service community, it was a kick to the chest to have you take a shot at a group of federal employees who are working hard every day to support this country.

Employees of the Postal Service are largely represented by unions and management associations, all of whom strongly supported your candidacy last year. For our support we do not expect any special consideration. However, we would like to be treated fairly and not have our current situation misrepresented, especially by the Commander-in-Chief.

I hope that you will now look more closely at an organization that is rated the highest in trust and customer satisfaction in the federal government and support the legislation that is now pending in the Congress to assist us in our recovery from our current economic problems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Keating", written in a cursive style.

Ted Keating  
President