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The Honorable Gary Peters
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Government
Affairs
Washington, DC 29210

The Honorable Rob Portman
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Government
Affairs
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Portman:

The National Grange is the nation's oldest general farm and rural life advocacy organization with more than 1,400 local, county and state Grange chapters across the country. Our 150,000 grassroots members are the heart and soul of our rural communities. The National Grange led the effort to convince Congress to establish rural free mail service in 1901. Over the years, we have depended on the United States Postal Service to deliver letters, bills, notices, checks, medicines, clothes, machine parts and even boxes of baby chicks. Our members depend on the mail carrier.

The Grange has advocated postal reform for several years. We appreciate your leadership in sponsoring and championing S.1720. The Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 addresses most of our priority concerns to stabilize and reform the United States Postal Service for the future. We are pleased to support your efforts to pass this legislation in the Senate. S.1720 calls for numerous common sense reforms and cost savings while ensuring the critical standard of a six-day delivery network for mail and packages is maintained. We are pleased the Act provides for the following:

- Requires six-day integrated delivery
- Expands special rates for local newspaper distribution
- Regular congressional reporting on Postal Service operations and financial performance
- Other important provisions

Nationwide, nearly one-fourth of Americans in rural areas still don't have access to broadband. Additionally, as many as 29 percent of farms and ranches still lack broadband access. We still need effective and efficient postal delivery in rural America. We offer you our support to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Betsy Huber
President