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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
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Dear Speaker Boehner,

This Wednesday, August 1st, the United States Postal Service will default on its obligation to pay \$5.5 billion into the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefit Fund, and is expected to default again in September on another \$5.6 billion dollar payment. Despite this looming default, the House has failed to act on postal reform, and it appears that you plan to recess without addressing the problems facing the USPS.

Congress has been warned for months that the Postal Services would be forced to default on this payment. The Senate approved legislation (S. 1789) to address this as well as other short- and long-term needs of the Postal Service on April 25, 2012. However, the House of Representatives has failed to bring this bipartisan measure to the floor for consideration.

I am committed to working nonstop morning, noon, and night in order to prevent the USPS from defaulting on its payments and address the financial stability of the agency and the services it provides. This and many other critical issues are facing families, businesses, and farmers, and as the Speaker of the House, I call on you to keep the House in session and get the work of the American people done.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you to pass bipartisan legislation that addresses the United States Postal Services immediate and long-term needs and ensure its critical services remain available for families and businesses.

Sincerely,



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