



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

October 21, 2020

Hon. Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2105

Dear Senator Warren:

I am writing in response to your letter to the United States Postal Service Board of Governors (the Board) dated August 24, 2020. The Board welcomes the opportunity to respond to your request for the release of federal financial disclosure forms that are annually submitted by individual Governors.

The Board understands your concerns regarding conflicts of interest. Like you, the Board takes conflicts of interest seriously. The Board works closely with the Postal Service's Ethics Office to ensure compliance relating to any real or apparent conflict of interest. In addition, the Board receives required annual ethics training by the Postal Service's Ethics Office.

The individual members that make up the Board are presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed and are Special Government Employees of the U.S. Postal Service. Under the ethics regulations implemented by the Office of Government Ethics, Special Government Employees are afforded confidential filer status (see *5 CFR § 2634.202* and *5 CFR § 2634.904*). Therefore, based upon the Postal Service's interpretation of the ethics regulations and upon advice of counsel, the Board respectfully declines to publicly release the financial disclosures of its individual members.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Duncan
Chairman