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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

March 3, 2017

Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

RE: Ten-Year Rate System Review, Docket No. RM 2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Food For The Poor and our beneficiaries, supporters and donors. We depend heavily on the U.S. Mail to raise funds and communicate with our supporters. In fact, we raise almost half of our net income through this channel.

We believe that stable postage rates that increase no more than the Consumer Price Index are essential to our ability to continue our mission. Further, the current CPI cap system provides the necessary external motivation for the USPS to control its costs and scale itself to today's mail volume. We are not able to increase our budget as fast as the CPI, and any expense such as postage that does exceed inflation will lead to a necessary reduction in our use of it. If we are forced to reduce mailing, our revenue will suffer immediately and we will be forced to reduce the services that so many depend on.

Increases in postage above inflation will lead us to reduce the main elements of our critical mission. As our mission is a life-saving one, it puts us in the horrible position of having to choose which child will be saved and which will face starvation and death.

Please do not change the current postal rate system. It balances the objectives and factors required by law in a way that no replacement system could.

Very Truly Yours,

Angel A. Aloma  
Executive Director



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