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Dear Representative _____ OR Dear Senator _____,

(Name of your organization) located in **(city/town and state)**, which employs **(cite the number of employees)** is asking that you urge Postmaster General DeJoy and the Board of Governors of the Postal Service to ask the Postal Service NOT to raise postal rates higher than the rate of inflation, or CPI.

Our organization is facing the daunting challenge of a potential rate increase of 6% to 8.5% (depending on the class of mail). *And time is of the essence!* The Postal Service is expected to determine the next rate increase in late March.

As someone who cares deeply about the nonprofit sector, you understand that these increases will hit nonprofits hard. Nonprofit and social organizations rely on the USPS to communicate with our constituents, donors, and potential donors.

Once the Postal Service makes its decision on the next rate increase in late March, the new rate structure is expected to take effect in June or July. Very simply, in the middle of the worst pandemic in over 100 years and with the nation having been in an inflation environment of 2% or less each year, raising postal rates 6% to 8.5% is not only unfair, but will cripple nonprofits at a time when they are needed most by the many people they help!

In fact, **(cite the approximate added cost of the postal rate increase on your mailing budget)**. This added cost will require us to **(cite how the increased postal cost will limit your mission. For example, a nonprofit addressing food insecurity will have to reduce "X number" of meals for those it helps.)**

Please join us in our effort to defend the nonprofit community against unreasonable postal rate increases by contacting Postmaster General DeJoy and the Board of Governors of the Postal Service and call on them to postpone any rate increases until 2022.

Sincerely,

Please send your letters directly to your member of Congress and Senators through their website, and if you could, email Mark a copy.

Submit your final signed letter, on organizational letterhead, to your member of Congress and Senators through their individual websites. Please also email a pdf of your signed letter to The Nonprofit Alliance's VP of Government Affairs, Mark Micali, mmicali@tnpa.org, so we can recognize your active leadership on this issue. By submitting your letter to TNPA, you are giving us permission to share your letter with others as an example or model.