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Oshkosh Defense
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To Oshkosh Defense Leadership,

I write to inquire about the status of the Oshkosh Defense contract to provide the United States Postal Service with a fleet of Next Generation electric delivery vehicles. As you are aware, this contract represents one of the most high-profile federal fleet electrification efforts, with significant implications for both the USPS's logistical operations and the federal government's role in leading the transition toward cleaner transportation.

This initiative directly impacts my district, where limited and outdated delivery vehicles are currently in use. These vehicles lack essential safety features and air conditioning, which not only reduce service quality but also put driver safety at risk. My office has received troubling reports from carriers regarding vehicles catching fire, engines stalling, and ventilation systems failing, leaving workers exposed to dangerously high interior temperatures. The ongoing shortage of reliable vehicles worsens the situation, as long repair backlogs leave carriers choosing between driving with mechanical issues or going without a vehicle for an extended period of time, resulting in delivery delays and added strain on the workforce.

Under the terms of the agreement designed to address these concerns, the USPS was slated to purchase 60,000 delivery vehicles, with at least 45,000 of those electric. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 allocated \$3 billion in federal funding to support fleet revitalization and related infrastructure. According to initial announcements, production and deployment of the vehicles was expected to begin in 2023, with vehicle deliveries occurring on a rolling basis through 2026.

Serious concerns about the execution and timeliness of this project have arisen, specifically after the publication of a December 12, 2024 article from *The Washington Post*. These reports have understandably prompted scrutiny from both policymakers and the public regarding the transparency, accountability, and overall progress of the USPS fleet modernization effort.

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Given the urgency of delivering these new vehicles for USPS operations both in my district and across the country, I respectfully request a status update on the progress of the contract now that it has been over nine months since the publication of *The Washington Post* report. Specifically:

- How many Next Generation Electric Delivery Vehicles have been delivered to USPS as of September 15, 2025?
- Is Oshkosh still off schedule to meet production and delivery deadlines? What challenges are contributing to delays if so?
- When does Oshkosh now expect to complete 100% of the vehicle deliveries to USPS under the terms of this contract?

My office is closely monitoring the progress of this effort in accordance with congressional direction and oversight responsibilities. Successfully executing this contract will not only reduce long-term operating costs, support American manufacturing jobs, and cut air pollution in communities nationwide, but also significantly enhance USPS fleet performance and improve the safety and working conditions of letter carriers in North Carolina's 4th Congressional District and across the country.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



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