Affordable and reliable mail and package delivery services are critical to American businesses and consumers across the country.

The Postal Service needs to maintain both sides of the business. In 2006, Congress enacted a law that affirmatively allows the Postal Service to be in the package business and put statutory guardrails in place to ensure fair competition in the package delivery business.

The U.S. Postal Service delivers mail and packages to more than 159 million delivery points every day, covering every single rural, suburban and metropolitan address in the United States. The Postal Service’s nationwide network guarantees all Americans are treated equally with reliable and affordable delivery services.

The Postal Service’s package business is growing, competitively priced and profitable. While the numbers show that mail delivery still remains the driver of Postal Service revenues, packages represent a major source of growth and revenues despite their comparatively small volume.

*All graph numbers represent billions.*