

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Department of Transportation



**d.** Office of the Director

October 29, 2018

Ms. Megan J. Brennan  
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Brennan:

We are writing to share our concern regarding constant reports that we are receiving from bicyclists in the District of Columbia (District) about United States Postal Service (USPS) drivers parking in our bike lanes, a dangerous practice that puts cyclists and other transit users at incredible risk.

Although the District government is routinely alerted to such practices by USPS from our residents via social media and based on our conversations with bicyclists and parking enforcement officers, it seems this problem has reached an alarming and widespread scale. We would appreciate your help in ensuring that USPS drivers cease this dangerous practice and refrain from parking in the District's bike lanes.

When vehicles, especially large delivery trucks, impede bike lanes, bicyclists are forced into traffic lanes. When bicyclists have to unexpectedly swerve into vehicular traffic from a travel lane that is specifically dedicated for them and similar light modes of travel, it can lead to fatal results. One such incident happened on August 11th in New York, when a bicyclist was killed by a garbage truck as she tried to avoid a livery cab that had entered the bike lane<sup>1</sup>.

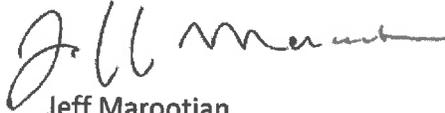
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Sincerely,



Jeff Marootian  
Director  
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Christopher Shorter  
Director  
District Department of Public Works

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October 26, 2018

Mr. Frederick W. Smith  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
FedEx Corporation  
942 South Shady Grove Road  
Memphis, TN 38120

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are writing to share our concern regarding constant reports that we are receiving from bicyclists in the District of Columbia (District) about FedEx drivers parking in our bike lanes, a dangerous practice that puts cyclists and other transit users at incredible risk.

Although the District government is routinely alerted to such practices by FedEx from our residents via social media and based on our conversations with bicyclists and parking enforcement officers, it seems this problem has reached an alarming and widespread scale. We would appreciate your help in ensuring that FedEx drivers cease this dangerous practice and refrain from parking in the District's bike lanes.

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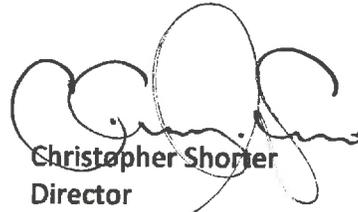
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Mr. David Abney  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
United Parcel Service of America, Inc.  
55 Glenlake Parkway NE  
Atlanta, GA 30328

Dear Mr. Abney:

We are writing to share our concern regarding constant reports that we are receiving from bicyclists in the District of Columbia (District) about United Parcel Service (UPS) drivers parking in our bike lanes, a dangerous practice that puts cyclists and other transit users at incredible risk.

Although the District government is routinely alerted to such practices by UPS from our residents via social media and based on our conversations with bicyclists and parking enforcement officers, it seems this problem has reached an alarming and widespread scale. We would appreciate your help in ensuring that UPS drivers cease this dangerous practice and refrain from parking in the District's bike lanes.

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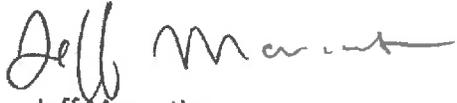
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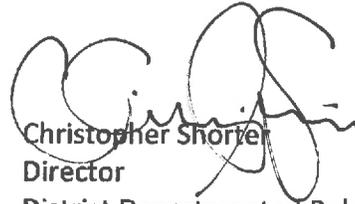
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