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Megan J. Brennan  
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Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

In 1948, the United States Postal Service (USPS) first issued a Gold Star Mothers postage stamp. Observance of Gold Star Mothers Day began more than 10 years earlier, in 1936. I write to urge that the USPS re-issue the stamp recognizing and honoring Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families to reaffirm and revive our nation's longstanding commitment to them.

Gold Star Mothers and Fathers and Families are true national heroes. They deserve our deepest gratitude and respect. Their extraordinary contribution is beyond measure – not merely for their loss, but the comfort they selflessly provide others, and their model of service and sacrifice. In Connecticut, Gold Star Mothers were instrumental in the establishment of the Connecticut Trees of Honor, a living memorial to all who made the ultimate sacrifice during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their strength, courage, resolve, and resilience are remarkable beyond words.

Recognizing that Congress has traditionally approved the issuance of specific stamps, I intend to offer legislation when Congress reconvenes to honor all Gold Star Family members. But in the meantime, the USPS should immediately honor Gold Star Families by reissuing the Gold Star Mothers stamp with a Forever stamp designation.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate