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**POP BAND'S GOLD RECORD MILESTONE
EARNS USPS STAMP OF APPROVAL**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Receiving the music industry's coveted Gold Record Award for selling half a million records is clearly a "First-Class" act, a senior Postal Service official said today in congratulating the pop band "The Postal Service" for reaching this music industry milestone.

"This achievement is clearly music to their ears," said Azeezaly S. Jaffer, "and we in the Postal Service want them to know that they've clearly got our stamp of approval and best wishes for future success."

According to news accounts, the album "Give Up," performed by the pop band "The Postal Service," has sold more than half a million copies to generate the Seattle indie label's first Gold Record.

Performance artists Jimmy Tamborello and Ben Gibbard, aka "The Postal Service," named their musical collaboration in tribute to the U.S. Postal Service, the essential conduit to the duo's ongoing, long-distance musical process. Living on opposite ends of the west coast, Gibbard and Tamborello created "Give Up" by composing and mailing to one another their written contributions to the album. "We're delighted that these performers adopted the Postal Service name," said Jaffer.

"Music is such a powerful medium," added Jaffer. "This is a great way for us to extend our brand into new areas. Jimmy and Ben help us connect with the connected, an important audience to the U.S. Postal Service's future."

