



April 7, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Democratic Leader
S-309, The Capitol
Washington DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer,

We write on behalf of more than 600,000 postal employees that directly support a \$1.6 trillion mailing industry that employs nearly 7.0 million other workers. We are deeply concerned about the rapidly deteriorating financial situation of the United States Postal Service (USPS) as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the deep recession it is causing.

In order to protect public health, promote economic recovery, and provide assurance that the Postal Service will be there for voters in the 2020 election, we call on Congress to enact legislation to provide: an immediate "public service" appropriation to the USPS of at least \$25 billion; quarterly emergency "public service" appropriations during Fiscal Year 2021 to cover the difference between postage revenues and total USPS expenses; treatment of the USPS as a covered employer in the program funding the cost of Covid-19-related sick leave and family medical leave that was enacted in the Families First legislation; and equal treatment for postal employees in legislation that authorizes and funds hazard pay for front-line workers in this crisis. In addition, we request removal of the Federal Finance Bank's (FFB) discretion to impose operational changes and policy conditions on any of the Postal Service's existing borrowing authorities as well as the elimination of the annual limit on these authorities.

As you know, the U.S. Postal Service plays an essential role in our country. It was built to serve in times of abundance and times of need, but it will not weather this storm without Congressional action. We urge you to include these measures in the next emergency legislative package.

Please find the attached white paper with more details regarding our proposals.

Sincerely,

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Mark Dimondstein
President
American Postal Workers Union

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President
National Postal Mail Handlers Union

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Senate Committee on Appropriations Vice Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
House Committee on Oversight and Reform Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)
House Committee on Appropriations Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-NY)