



April 7, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
S-226, The Capitol
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Republican Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington DC 20515

Dear Leaders McConnell and McCarthy,

We write on behalf of 640,000 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 the American people, 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; provide a mechanism to reimburse the Postal Service for the cost of the Covid-19-related leave (both sick leave and family medical leave) provided by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; 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

Ronnie W. Stutts
President
National Rural Letter Carriers Association

Cc: Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs Chairman Ron Johnson (R-WI)
Senate Committee on Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL)
House Committee on Oversight and Reform Ranking Member Jim Jordan (R-OH)
House Committee on Appropriations Ranking Member Kay Granger (R-TX)