

Dear Representative,

As a member of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union and a constituent, I write to you today with an urgent message to protect the United States Postal Service. As our nation moves to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee passed the Moving Forward Act, H.R. 2. The bill provides for investments to be made to roads and transit systems, but also the United States Postal Service.

The Postal Service is the heart of the \$1.7 trillion mailing industry, employs over 627,000 men and women throughout the United States. However, it has been gravely impacted by the pandemic. Mail volume has declined by 30 percent, and USPS could possibly run out of cash on hand by the end of the fiscal year. My fellow mail handlers and I, along with our brothers and sisters who work throughout the Postal Service, are front-line, essential employees who ensure that every American household receives its mail, be it prescription drugs, personal and government correspondence, and connecting businesses with customers through parcel delivery.

As H.R. 2 would provide \$25 billion for shovel-ready projects, which was previously requested by the Postal Board of Governors as a means to help weather the pandemic storm. These funds would allow the postal service to modernize its facilities and create much needed jobs, helping our nation's economic recovery.

As you prepare to vote on H.R. 2 next week, I call on you vote in favor of the legislation as it provides a vital economic resource to the Postal Service.

Thank you for your consideration.