

Dear Senator,

As a member of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union and a constituent, I urge you to support the United States Postal Service in the next stimulus package. 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, the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically impacted the postal service, causing crippling revenue losses, and putting my fellow postal employees' and my health at risk. Postal employees risk exposure to COVID-19 in order to meet the demands of an essential service, and almost 5,000 employees are quarantined due to the coronavirus. On top of this, first class mail, the main source of USPS income, has seen a drastic decline, and while there was an initial increase of package delivery at the beginning of the pandemic, it has plateaued and starting to decline.

During this past four months, the Postal Service has proven itself to be a lifeline during this crisis, ensuring all American households receive prescription drugs, personal and government correspondence, and connecting businesses with customers through parcel delivery. USPS is not some antiquated system; it is a constitutionally mandated service that impacts everyone.

As you and your fellow members of the Senate develop language for the next stimulus package, I call on you to recognize the social and economic value of the Postal Service, and the need to provide \$25 billion in emergency funding that does not add to its debt, and provide assurances that the essential personnel of the Postal Service are appropriately compensated during this hazardous time. The USPS and my fellow postal employees do not need to become another victim of COVID-19.

Thank you for your consideration.