



September 3, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump, President  
United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

We write to you today, as elected Democratic, Republican, and No Party Preference members of California’s State Legislature to strongly encourage you to restore the United States Postal Service (USPS) to its pre-2020 stature and mission.

The USPS traces its roots to the Second Continental Congress nearly 250 years ago, with Benjamin Franklin as its first Postmaster General. With the advent of the telephone, the computer, and smart phones, the amount of letter mail processed daily by the USPS has greatly declined over the years. Suffice it to say, the Post Office and its functions have changed dramatically since 1775 and days of the Pony Express.

Nevertheless, our men and women in blue have trudged forward – “neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night” have prevented our neighborhood mail carriers from being a daily fixture in our communities. Where they no longer primarily deliver written person-to-person correspondence, for many, our mailmen and women are the primary connection between households and the outside world. This has been even more true during our current COVID-19 pandemic. Given that the USPS is the leading delivery service for online purchases, its reliability is especially important at a time when American families increasingly are turning to online shopping for their household necessities. Moreover, roughly a quarter of American households continue to pay their monthly bills by mail.

In recent decades, the USPS has also become the most common at-home delivery service for necessary and life-saving medications for millions of Americans.

Some estimates report that the Postal Service was responsible for linking people with over 100 million medications in 2019 alone. For those who are disabled or who have limited means of transportation, weekly or monthly visits to a pharmacy can be cumbersome or nearly impossible. The advent of prescription via mail has ensured that people have easy, timely, and *uninterrupted* access to their life-saving medications.

The Postal Service also continues to be the primary mechanism by which America's military families stay in touch. With our country's troops spread across the globe (many in untenable and difficult conditions), care packages from families and friends delivered via USPS are the one aspect of normalcy afforded to our engaged servicemembers. Letters and pictures from home, books and magazines, and favorite American foods and snacks can often make a world of difference in a soldier's morale on difficult days and stretches.

The USPS is an apolitical agency supporting nearly every aspect of life at home and abroad. It is an American institution that has adapted to telecommunication changes and our national needs and has served this country honorably for centuries. The men and women who make up the Postal Service are fixtures in our neighborhoods, providing consistency and calm in moments of crisis or hardship like our current pandemic, wildfires, and hurricanes.

Together, and with all politics aside, we implore you, Mr. President, to use the powers of your office to promote the good work of the United States Postal Service. It is imperative that you restore reductions made to the agency thus far in 2020, the morale of our courageous and dedicated postal workers, and America's confidence in its service and capabilities.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Thomas J. Umberg, Chair  
Senate Committee on Elections  
& Constitutional Amendments  
Senator, 34<sup>th</sup> District



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The Honorable Marc Berman, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Elections  
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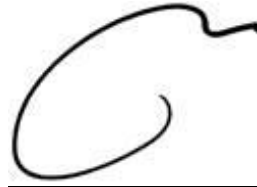
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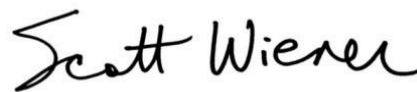
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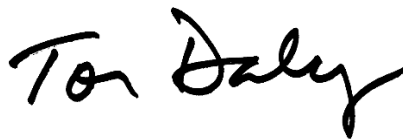
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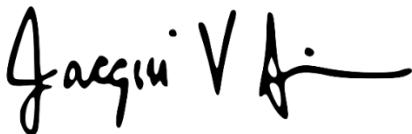
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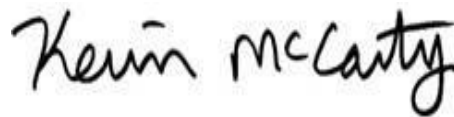
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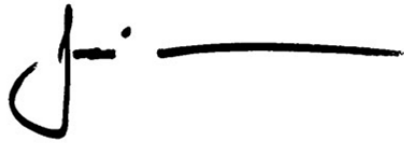
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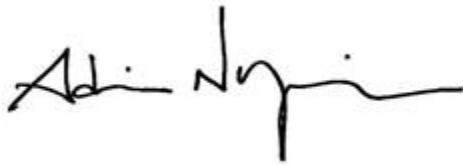
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