

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20215

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20210

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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April XX, 2020

Dear Congressional Leaders:

The undersigned companies and trade associations believe it is imperative to save the United States Postal Service. We thank you all for your leadership as the nation confronts this pandemic, and urge you to provide enough funding to enable USPS to survive and serve its customers, the American people, during this exceptionally trying time.

We, along with the postal-reliant industry that generates \$1.6 trillion in sales and employs 7.3 million workers, have long supported a self-sufficient Postal Service. But no business entity can withstand a 50% or more externally-imposed drop in business and revenues, as USPS projects due to COVID-19, and long survive. That is why emergency funding must be provided now.

The American people have been reminded during this pandemic of just how fundamental to American life the Postal Service still is. USPS is delivering prescriptions, household and business staples, groceries, Personal Protective Equipment, personal correspondence to bridge social distancing, Paycheck Protection Program, Social Security and tax refund checks, CDC advice cards on keeping oneself and family safe, and newspapers and magazines still vital to informing the American people. It is enabling a new wave of businesses along with the e-commerce sector to survive the pandemic through remote order and fulfillment. Postal Service delivery is essential. And it is of particularly acute need in rural areas of the country, where there are no alternatives, and often not even broadband. USPS is a lifeline there and elsewhere throughout the country during these challenging times.

As to how much is needed, we defer to the experts, the bipartisan Postal Service Board of Governors appointed by the President, and our leaders in Congress. While substantial sums are needed, they amount to a small part of the emergency funds Congress has provided and will continue to provide, including to sustain small businesses, their employees and the economy. The Postal Service is the backbone of small business in America, and must endure.

The American people, 91% of whom approve of USPS¹, often raise a commotion if a single Post Office is to be closed. Closing the entire system or imposing a major reduction in service during this time of need would magnify that reaction substantially.

¹ Pew Research Center, *Survey of the Public's Views on Federal Agencies* (April 9, 2020). <https://www.people-press.org/2020/04/09/public-holds-broadly-favorable-views-of-many-federal-agencies-including-cdc-and-hhs/>

We again strongly urge you to save the Postal Service and preserve a fundamental lifeline to millions of Americans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cc: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
The Honorable Jim Jordan
The Honorable Ron Johnson
The Honorable Gary Peters