

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to express our grave concern over the United States Postal Service's (USPS's) 10-Year Plan, absurdly named "Delivering for America." Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has demonstrated time and time again that he does not care about this critical service on which Americans rely. It is clear he is a danger to the future and integrity of the USPS. We again urge you to work with Congress and remove him from office.

As you know, Postmaster General DeJoy unveiled his 10-Year Plan on May 23, 2021 – presenting his critically flawed vision for the future of one of the country's most needed agencies.

Under DeJoy's plan, customers would have to endure slower first-class deliveries, reduced post office hours, and higher postage prices. He has consistently cited the need for austerity to ensure more consistent delivery and rein in losses, but since becoming Postmaster General, the USPS has experienced sweeping delays and reductions in essential service, which are a direct result of his lack of leadership and harmful actions.

A *Washington Post* analysis of DeJoy's proposal proves mail delivery will be unacceptably delayed, with Oregon being one of the worst-hit states. Under DeJoy's plan, Oregon's average mail delivery will be at least one day slower, with fifty-five percent of first-class mail being delayed. ^[1] At least a third of these letters and parcels will arrive more slowly than current delivery rates. DeJoy claims these changes will cut costs for USPS and revitalize its network, but instead these manufactured delays will harm customers who rely on USPS for timely delivery and erode this beloved agency's reputation. Many will look elsewhere for their delivery needs. Prior to DeJoy's appointment as Postmaster General, USPS had a timely delivery rate of 96 percent for nearly a decade. But ever since DeJoy instituted his "cost-cutting" measures last summer, the agency has never surpassed 90 percent.

At the same time that DeJoy is pursuing major changes to the day-to-day operations of the USPS, he is also under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for his connection with campaign fundraising schemes involving his former business. Many Members of Congress believe DeJoy is a political pawn left over from the previous administration. The *Washington Post* reported that five former employees of DeJoy's were coerced to contribute to Republican political campaigns and, at times, were unlawfully reimbursed for such donations

through bonus payments from the company. This is only further evidence that DeJoy is unfit to lead the USPS.^[2]

Despite these glaring management failures and the outcry from numerous Members of Congress—and, more importantly, millions of Americans—the USPS Board of Governors remains, at best, resistant to vigorously evaluating DeJoy’s performance. This is unacceptable. The Board’s complicity is causing real harm to USPS and undermining public confidence in one of the most relied upon federal agencies.

For these reasons, we also urge you to immediately remove the six complicit sitting board members – Robert M. Duncan, John Barger, Roman Martinez IV, William Zollars, Ron Bloom, and Lee Moak – from the USPS Board of Governors and to work with Congress to nominate individuals to the Board who are committed to preserving and bettering the operations and reputation of the USPS.

We thank you for your time and consideration of our requests, and we look forward to working with you to bolster and support the essential service that all Americans rely on.

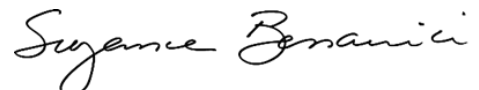
Sincerely,



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