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AMERICA'S UNIONS

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I urge you to support the “Delivering for America Act “(H.R. 8015) when it comes to the floor later this week. The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is one of America’s most revered institutions and it is a lifeline for countless seniors, veterans and rural Americans who depend on it for the delivery of medicines, checks and official documents.

Today the Postal Service is experiencing two crises, one caused by financial losses inflicted by the pandemic and the other caused by a President determined to undermine confidence in its ability to handle the expected surge in ballots sent by mail. The Delivering for America Act addresses both of these threats. It provides \$25 billion in immediate relief to offset the financial impact from the pandemic, and it will stop the Trump Administration from taking any steps that might decrease services during a pandemic and, thereby, threaten the integrity of our elections.

In ordinary times, the Postal Service does not rely on taxpayer support, but these are not ordinary times. Revenue losses and operational mandates related to the pandemic will cost the USPS tens of billions of dollars over the next couple of years. Similarly, the Postal Service has the capacity to provide a safe alternative to in-person voting, but confidence in the integrity of the election could be shattered if the administration is allowed to take unilateral steps to curtail current service standards.

Supporting the U.S. Postal Service should not be a partisan matter. We urge every member of Congress to support the Delivering for America Act so that the USPS will continue to serve the American people as it has since the founding of our Nation.

Sincerely,



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