



# Senator Bernie Sanders

HOLDS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL  
WITH POSTAL UNION LEADERS  
ON HOW TO SAVE USPS

Senator Bernie Sanders (VT-I) led a virtual town hall with the leaders of the country's top postal unions to discuss how to save the U.S. Postal Service, as the nation's most popular government institution faces major financial challenges while grappling with the coronavirus pandemic. Senator Sanders was joined by NPMHU President Paul Hogrogian, APWU President Mark Dimondstein with Legislative & Political Director Judy Beard, and NALC President Fred Rolando. The panel discussed the fate of the 640,000 postal workers and the operating status of the Postal Service.

Sen. Sanders kicked off the session with the important question, "What happens to the country if the Postal Service went out of business?" He went on to consider what a privatized mail industry might look like when comparing rural small-town delivery to service in major metropolitan areas. The panelists spoke about the importance of the universal service obligation, plummeting postal revenue, and the necessity of financial relief in the form of congressional legislation. Senator Sanders also raised the importance of voting my mail, acknowledging the challenges presented by current pandemic.