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National Postal Mail Handlers Union Statement of Support for the Delivering for America Act

H.R. 8015

Members of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union and their fellow postal employees find themselves in unprecedented times. During a pandemic that has infected over four thousand postal employees across the country, American citizens continue to rely upon the work of postal employees as essential. Yet at the same time, operational changes directed by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy have been put in place that cut back on overtime, remove vital sorting machines hindering processing and delivery, and ultimately undermine prompt and efficient universal service. These actions have caused systematic delays in the mail across the country. Not only is this impacting the receipt of government and personal correspondence as well as necessary medications, it is bringing into doubt the ability of the Postal Service to deliver vote by mail ballots for the 2020 election.

The House of Representatives has responded to these changes with the Delivering for America Act (H.R. 8015), introduced by House Oversight and Reform Committee Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY-12). This bill would prohibit the Postal Service from implementing operational and service standard changes from January 1, 2020 through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. This will, in effect, effectively retroactively repeal the changes PMG DeJoy put forth. Additionally, the bill would prohibit the elimination of overtime pay to postal employees - allowing work to be completed and ensuring first-class mail and parcel packages are processed and delivered in a timely manner. Furthermore, H.R. 8015 would provide \$25 billion in emergency funding to the Postal Service, a funding request that was initially made by the Republican-led Board of Governors.

The Postal Service is enshrined in Article I of the Constitution, and was considered vital to the creation of our country. As a nation, we cannot stand by while deliberate delays are put in place that undermine the nation's most trusted federal agency and that threaten our electoral process. During this national health crisis, every American household and business needs to be assured they can continue to rely on the Postal Service. The NPMHU urges members of the House of Representatives to pass this necessary legislation.