



COALITION FOR A  
21st CENTURY  
POSTAL SERVICE

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American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO



December 12, 2019

President Donald Trump  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear President Trump, Speaker Pelosi, and Leaders McConnell, Schumer, and McCarthy,

On behalf of Postal Service business and labor stakeholders – who collectively generate \$1.5 trillion in sales, and support more than 7 million private-sector jobs, and more than 600,000 Postal Service employees – we respectfully request you include language to repeal the mandate that the U.S. Postal Service prefund future retiree health benefits in any final fiscal year 2020 appropriations package.

Repeal of the prefunding mandate is a zero-score, immediate measure involving no taxpayer dollars that would provide some stability to the agency while we work to achieve more comprehensive postal reform legislation, to which we are all committed, in the coming months. Additionally, the relief prefunding repeal would bring could help to reduce what would amount to a significant tax increase for postal mailers via the Postal Regulatory Commission's revised proposed rulemaking. Moreover, repeal would not relieve the Postal Service of its obligation to fund its retirees' health benefits; it would merely revert the funding mechanism from *prefunding* to pay-as-you-go, a best practice in the private and public sectors.

To begin to ensure the constitutionally mandated, nontaxpayer-funded U.S. Postal Service may return to firm financial footing and continue to serve all Americans, we respectfully request this critical first step: a repeal of the prefunding mandate in any final fiscal year 2020 appropriations package.

Sincerely,

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National Association of Letter Carriers

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