

**Letter From 86 Organizations, Representing Millions of Americans, Urging the
Resignation or Dismissal of the U.S. Postmaster General**

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Board of Governors
United States Postal Service
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Washington, D.C. 20260

The undersigned organizations, representing millions of Americans nationwide, call on Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to immediately resign or for the Board of Governors to dismiss him from his position – and replace him with an experienced official who is committed to keeping mail delivery reliable. In the midst of a pandemic, the American people have never been more dependent on reliable mail service for essential needs, even survival, than they are right now. Yet Mr. DeJoy not only has taken several steps that are disrupting mail service to American families and businesses, but he has also failed to eliminate disqualifying ethical conflicts.

We were alarmed several months ago when we learned of the selection of DeJoy, one of President Trump's top partisan fundraisers, to run the Postal Service, especially because DeJoy had no direct Postal Service experience. Since being appointed Postmaster General, DeJoy has imposed draconian measures that have slowed the delivery of mail, causing deep concerns among current Postal Service employees and Americans across the country. DeJoy's actions appear to be part of a long-term effort by this Administration to undermine and privatize the Postal Service.

DeJoy's misguided directives are already hurting small businesses; veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities, who depend on timely-delivered medications; Americans who use the Postal Service to pay their bills and receive their benefits; people who live in rural areas or Indian Country; and countless others. Perhaps most disturbingly, DeJoy appears to be carrying out the partisan wishes of President Trump, who admitted that his goal is to starve the Postal Service to prevent increased voting by mail during the pandemic. This statement comes after months of lies from the president and his allies about the safety and security of voting by mail, designed to sow confusion and disrupt the upcoming election. This sabotage, which is now being investigated by the Postal Service's Inspector General, strikes at the heart of a healthy democracy and must be strongly repudiated.

In addition to the actions DeJoy is taking to undermine mail delivery, he cannot be entrusted to run the Postal Service while he has disqualifying conflicts of interest. For example, he continues to own a multi-million-dollar stake in his former company, XPO Logistics, which serves as a Postal Service contractor. Moreover, DeJoy purchased tens of thousands of dollars of stock options in Amazon, which also has contracts with – and competes with – the Postal Service. Although DeJoy says he has complied with applicable ethics rules, at the very least these conflicts present a major appearance of impropriety.

Given these circumstances, DeJoy must immediately resign or be dismissed, before his disruptive actions cause untold harm to millions of Americans and impede a free and fair election. DeJoy must be replaced with an experienced and non-partisan official who is committed to keeping mail delivery reliable, especially during the pandemic.

Sincerely,

All On The Line
Alliance for Justice
America's Voice
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
American Federation of Teachers
Arab American Institute
Arizona Advocacy Network Foundation
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Black Voters Matter Fund
Blue Future
Center for American Progress Action Fund
Center for Disability Rights
Center for Popular Democracy
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)
Clean Elections Texas
Coalition on Human Needs
Coalition to Preserve, Protect and Defend
CODEPINK
Common Cause
Community Change Action
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
DemCastUSA
Democracy 21
Democracy Matters
Election Protection Arizona
End Citizens United // Let America Vote Action Fund
Faith in Public Life
Fix Democracy First
Franciscan Action Network
Free Speech for People
Generation Progress Action
Greenpeace USA
Health Care for America Now (HCAN)
Health Care Voter
Hip Hop Caucus Action Fund
Hispanic Federation
Human Rights Campaign
Lawyers for Good Government
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
League of Conservation Voters
MomsRising
MoveOn
NAACP
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association of Social Workers
National Council of Jewish Women

National Education Association
National Election Defense Coalition
National Employment Law Project
National Equality Action Team
National LGBTQ Task Force
National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights
National Partnership for New Americans
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New American Leaders Action Fund
New Virginia Majority
Niskanen Center
Ohio Voter Rights Coalition
Oxfam America Action Fund
People For the American Way
Poder Latinx
Population Connection Action Fund
Progressive Leadership Initiative
Progressive Turnout Project
Protect Our Care
Public Citizen
RepresentUs New Mexico
Secure Elections Network
Service Employees International Union
Sierra Club
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Stand Up America
Take on Wall Street
Tax March
Tennessee Campus Democracy Network
Tennessee Voter Revival Alliance
Third Way
Unitarian Universalist Association
United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries
United We Dream Action
Virginia Civic Engagement Table
Voices for Progress
VoteVets
Wisconsin Democracy Campaign