

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 10, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer,

Thank you for working with the House of Representative to address the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. While our work on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the CARES Act is providing relief to many working families and businesses, those legislative packages did not adequately address the financial hardship this crisis has caused for the United States Postal Service (USPS).

As COVID-19 relief discussions continue with the House of Representatives and the White House, we urge you to provide \$25 billion in emergency grants to the USPS to offset COVID-19 revenue losses and allow improved access to borrowing authority from the Department of the Treasury. Support for the USPS is urgent and bipartisan. This request is consistent with the funding needs expressed by the bipartisan USPS Board of Governors.

According to the Postmaster General, the USPS is now expecting \$22 billion in revenue losses over the next 18 months and could be forced to cease operations.¹ This result would be devastating to all Americans who depend on the USPS to deliver everything from lifesaving medications, to stimulus checks, to the essential goods and services on which our small businesses rely. The Constitution empowers the federal government to provide a working postal system, and as Members of Congress, we take that responsibility seriously.

The USPS represents what is best about America. It is one of the largest employers of veterans, boasts a diverse workforce, and handles 48 percent of the world's mail.² If Congress is unable to preserve this critical institution, it will severely impact our way of life, including putting the health and safety of older Americans at risk and disenfranchising millions of voters who are unable to vote in person.

We look forward to working with you in a bipartisan manner to deliver relief to the USPS as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



MIKE LEVIN
Member of Congress



BRIAN FITZPATRICK
Member of Congress

¹ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/factcheck/2020/04/10/fact-check-coronavirus-wont-force-us-postal-service-shut-down/5126557002/>

² <https://facts.usps.com/top-facts/>

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