

SAVE THE POST OFFICE FACT SHEET

FACT: The US Post Office is one of the few US agencies explicitly authorized by the U.S. Constitution.

We celebrate the way it serves to unite the states and symbolizes our interconnectedness.

FACT: Louis DeJoy, a megadonor to Donald Trump and Trump's newly appointed Postmaster General, ordered USPS to remove 671 mail sorting machines by the end of September, including 24 in Ohio, 11 in Detroit, 11 in Florida, 9 in Wisconsin, 8 in Philadelphia and 5 in Arizona. These are all closely contested swing states. Yesterday he refused to restore them, despite the appearance of overt partisanship. **We want sorting machines turned back on, mailboxes that have been removed recently put back, and Post Office hours restored.**

FACT: In June Lee Zeldin voted AGAINST the HEROES ACT which included \$25 billion in USPS funding and \$3.6 billion in safe election funding. The GOP-led Senate refused to take up HEROES, which would have also provided money to unemployed workers, restored the full SALT deduction, and given money to small businesses, towns and states suffering from the COVID-19 economic downturn. **We want the HEROES ACT passed and the Post Office adequately funded.**

FACT: 100,000 Veterans work for the Postal Service. 330,000 Veterans get their medicine through the mail.

We believe they deserve our support!

FACT: Thousands of Americans, especially seniors and the disabled, get their medicines through the mail. Last week because of coronavirus concerns, one in five Americans got their medicine through the post office. Service is especially critical for rural areas.

The slowdown caused by DeJoy's cutting of overtime pay and other measures is life threatening and unconscionable.

FACT: In addition to prefunding pensions, the post office is uniquely required to pre-fund retiree medical promises. No private business is forced to do this. **Get rid of this onerous and ridiculous provision.**

FACT: Every money-making proposal by the Postal Service has been rejected by a faction of congressional Republicans who claim it would "compete" with some private business—even the idea of restoring the postal service's banking function, which every other country has (we did too until the 60s). Today most banks aren't much interested in middle class, working class or poor customers and are consolidating offices (witness the closed HSBC bank in Bellport) leaving many communities bankless so postal banking would hardly threaten banks' survival.

Stop tying the hands of the post office and put a Postmaster General in place who cares about postal workers and the people they serve! g