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Dear Mr. Chairman and Governors:

On behalf of the Postal Service's 500,000 craft employees, we write to express our appreciation for the leadership you have shown during the current national crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and to urge you to resist inappropriate interference by the Treasury Department in the management and operations of the Postal Service.

As our members across the country in post offices, on delivery routes, and in processing plants and other facilities face down the dangers of providing essential services during a pandemic, we thank you for fighting for the survival of the Postal Service -- a national treasure and a truly essential public service.

We specifically applaud your unanimous endorsement of immediate legislative relief to help the Postal Service survive this crisis so that we can continue to help America fight this pandemic and eventually recover from the deep recession it has caused. Our members are proud to be delivering goods to families that are sheltering in place, medicines and supplies to those who are sick, relief checks to suffering citizens and vital public health information to the entire country. And the industry – mailers, shippers and suppliers – is committed to respond to and fulfill these critical public needs, and work with the Postal Service to deliver them as well. The assistance you are seeking from Congress will allow us to serve these vital functions. We want to continue to deliver for the Nation.

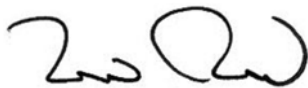
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We also urge you to continue to resist inappropriate efforts by the Department of Treasury to interfere with the management of the Postal Service or to place conditions on access to credit provided by the Postal Reorganization Act or the CARES Act -- conditions that would weaken the legal authorities of the Board of Governors and the Postal Regulatory Commission. It is the role of a democratically elected Congress to set postal policy in this country, and it is the role of the Board and the PRC to implement that policy with the managerial and regulatory discretion provided by law. The Treasury Department has no authority to re-write the law or impose its policy preferences on the Postal Service – or the country.

In a few years' time, when this pandemic and this economic crisis are behind us, the Postal Service will celebrate its 250th anniversary. If we all work together to preserve the institution that we love and depend upon, on that anniversary we will be able to look back at this time as being among the finest in the long proud history of the Postal Service.

Thanks again for your leadership.

Sincerely,



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American Postal Workers Union



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