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Six-Day Delivery

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and its unmatched network link 157 million American households and businesses to each other every day, six—and increasingly, seven—days a week. The ability to provide affordable, universal delivery to customers is unique to USPS and essential to all the Americans and businesses who depend on it.

Six or seven days a week, USPS delivers important mail containing paychecks, bills, and medications, regularly and reliably all across the country. No other organization offers this same level of service. No other organization is capable of delivering to every residential and business address in the nation, but the Postal Service does so every day and to the benefit of all Americans.

As the heart of a \$1.4 trillion mailing industry that employs 7.5 million Americans, USPS is essential to the entire country -- to our booming e-commerce sector; our prescription drug industry; our nation's paper, publishing, and advertising sectors; our country's voting systems; and to millions of small

businesses and tens of millions of citizens in rural, suburban, and urban communities across the country.

Six-day mail delivery is valuable to the country's small businesses because they are able to serve their customers more quickly and reliably through the Postal Service than with less frequent and more expensive private delivery services. The density of the Postal Service's network—delivering to every address nationwide six days a week—is even valuable to private delivery companies that use USPS for “last-mile delivery,” as it is the most affordable and efficient way to complete their deliveries.

In Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18), 493.4 million mail-pieces were processed and delivered every day by the Postal Service's 630,000 employees. These hardworking employees are also our nation's veterans, community leaders, and neighbors.

Six-day delivery is vital to the Postal Service, to American businesses, and to the country at large.