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President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Biden:

I write on behalf of 300,000 active and retired city letter carriers to urge the Biden administration to re-nominate Lee Moak to the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors. His current term and hold-over year on the Board expire on December 8, 2023.

Lee and I served together as Vice-Presidents of the AFL-CIO Executive Council under President Richard Trumka's leadership. Captain Moak has a long history with the labor movement, culminating with his service as president of the Air Line Pilots Association prior to his 2020 appointment to the board at the urging of then-Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. Over the past two years he has developed invaluable expertise on the Postal Service while seeking the input of NALC and the other postal unions in his work on the board.

Governor Moak has helped the Postal Service weather one of the most turbulent periods in its history with the Covid-19 pandemic and the open hostility of President Biden's predecessor, who recklessly and dishonestly politicized the Postal Service in 2020.

Indeed, in his time on the board, Moak has been and continues to be a strong advocate for the postal service, the postal employees, and the public interest:

- He pushed for the adoption of the Postal Service's new mission statement that embraces the agency's role as an essential public agency dedicated to affordable universal service.
- He led the board's sub-committee overseeing the Postal Service's national election task force, which successfully handled the huge surge in mail voting in 2020 caused by the pandemic. This surge, which increased the percentage of mail ballots from 21 percent of all ballots in 2016 to 46 percent in 2020, powered the highest turnout election in over 100 years.
- He fought for the Board to call for broad relief for the USPS in the various Covid-19 recovery bills.
- He pushed the Board to strongly support maintaining 6-day service for letters and 7-day service for packages – a position now embraced by Postmaster General DeJoy, unlike his three immediate predecessors.
- He collaborated with his fellow governors and the Postmaster General to build broad bipartisan support for postal reform legislation that all four postal unions supported.

- He has led on the issue of letter carrier safety at a time when crime against our workforce is up 500 percent over the past year; he is working to protect our members after interacting with hundreds of delegates at our recent convention and soliciting their input on solutions to this problem and other major challenges facing the agency.
- He has both engaged and restrained the Postmaster General, when appropriate, and has served as a vital link between the Republican and Democratic members of the Board of Governors, an essential role for a non-partisan federal agency in this period of extreme political polarization.
- And he fully supports your administration's agenda with respect to the leadership and management of the Postal Service – under the current PMG and any successor.

We urge the administration to ignore well-meaning but grossly misinformed attacks on Mr. Moak by groups such as Americans for Financial Reform and the Progressive Reform Network. Rather, we encourage your Office of Presidential Personnel team to prioritize the feedback of those of us who actually deal with the Postmaster General and the Board of Governors on a regular basis. Please re-nominate our union brother Lee Moak to another term on the USPS Board of Governors.

Sincerely,



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