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Fredric V. Rolando, President

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of almost 300,000 members, including over 200,000 active city letter carriers across this country that work every day to support a \$1.6 trillion mailing industry that employs nearly 7.0 million private sector workers, we urge you to support the Delivering for America Act (H.R. 8015) when it comes to the floor this week.

This bill would provide \$25 billion in immediate relief for the Postal Service to offset the financial impact of the pandemic. While the Postal Service has not relied on taxpayer support for decades, its financial condition will deteriorate as the pandemic worsens.

Although package volume has temporarily surged, letter mail volume and revenue losses from Covid-19 are compounding –such revenue losses may exceed \$5 billion this year and \$10 billion next year. If the pandemic continues to worsen, the economy will weaken further and the revenue losses could be much greater. Meanwhile, COVID-19 related expenses (for PPE, testing, quarantine leave and overtime, etc.) continue to increase. In addition, this relief is also needed to fund additional expenses associated with the operational mandates in the bill that may be necessary to maintain our essential services during the pandemic.

The American people rely on our network now more than ever, especially as we approach Election Day, when the role of the Postal Service will be expanded as a safe alternative to in-person voting.

In order to protect public health, promote economic recovery, and provide assurance that the Postal Service' will be there for the American people and their businesses at this time of need, we urge you to vote in favor of the Delivering for America Act (H.R. 8015). Supporting this emergency measure will ensure that the U.S. Postal Service and its universal delivery network remains fully operational and financially healthy through the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Fredric V. Rolando
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