

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

2157 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6143

MAJORITY (202) 225-5051
MINORITY (202) 225-5074
<http://oversight.house.gov>

March 24, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

We are writing to seek your urgent help to save our nation's Postal Service. As a direct result of the coronavirus crisis, it has become clear that the Postal Service will not survive the summer without immediate assistance from Congress and the White House.

Postal Service officials warn that, without immediate intervention, the precipitous drop off in mail use across the country due to the coronavirus pandemic could shutter the Postal Service's doors as early as June.

This is a national emergency. As you know well, the American people rely on the Postal Service to deliver vital goods and services each day, including more than one-million life-saving medications just last year. The negative effects of this crisis will be borne hardest by those in rural areas—where millions of Americans are currently sheltering in place and relying on the Postal Service to deliver essential supplies.

Like many other companies and industries across our country that are receiving substantial infusions of liquidity, the Postal Service needs our help now. Merely increasing the ability of the Postal Service to borrow money will not solve this problem.

The recent House stimulus package would provide emergency funds and other measures to avert an economic collapse of the Postal Service at a time when our country needs it most. We urge you to support these provisions to:

- provide \$25 billion in emergency appropriations to the Postal Service;
- eliminate the Postal Service's current debt; and
- require the Postal Service to prioritize medical deliveries and provide it with the flexibility it needs to meet these crisis conditions.

The Honorable Mitch McConnell

Page 2

We understand that the House and Senate have been adopting legislation on a rolling basis to address this crisis, so we urge you to take up this very urgent matter as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Gerald E. Connolly
Chairman
Subcommittee on Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Minority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Ron Johnson, Chairman
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Gary Peters, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Mark Meadows, Ranking Member
House Committee on Oversight and Reform