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Trump Reportedly Set to Fire Postal Board of Governors, Place USPS Under Commerce Department

On February 20, The Washington Post reported that President Donald Trump plans to issue an executive order to dismiss the members of the Postal Board of Governors and place the United States Postal Service (USPS) under the control of the Commerce Department.

In response, NALC President Brian L. Renfroe issued the following statement:

"The 280,000 active and retired members of the National Association of Letter Carriers have a message for the White House: Hands off the Postal Service.

Every day, 200,000 active city letter carriers uphold the Postal Service's constitutionally mandated universal service obligation, delivering 376 million pieces of mail and packages to nearly 169 million delivery points nationwide. USPS is central to a \$1.92 trillion mailing industry, with U.S. letter carriers delivering 44 percent of the world's mail.

No private shipper guarantees or offers this unmatched universal service. Without our work, 51.5 million households and businesses in rural communities would have no guaranteed deliveries of medications, checks, ballots, and other essential mail and packages.

The reported executive order would jeopardize the jobs of 640,000 postal employees, including more than 73,000 veterans, and would impact the 7.9 million people employed in the mailing industry. While the potential consequences are deeply concerning, these proposals are also unconstitutional and illegal.

The Postal Service is older than our country and is enshrined in the Constitution. It serves the public good and is funded by postage and stamp sales, not taxpayer dollars.

The Constitution, crafted by our nation's founders, designates Congress—not the president—with a key role in setting postal policy. In fact, the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 removed the Post Office Department from the president's Cabinet, creating USPS as the independent agency that exists today.

Americans should view this reported executive order for what it is: a direct attack on USPS employees, our universal service, and every citizen who relies on the Postal Service. The public consistently ranks the Postal Service as one of the most trusted government agencies, because Americans can rely on their letter carrier in every community nationwide.

We are fighting vigorously against any efforts toward privatization or reorganizational mandates. We will do everything in our power to ensure that we uphold the universal service obligation that Americans depend on through a strong and public Postal Service."

Deb Williams, 3rd Vice Chair
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