

Dear Senator/Representative _____:

I am _____. As your constituent, I urge you to support legislation to appropriate emergency funds to the U.S. Postal Service due the COVID-19 pandemic. In the House of Representatives, Rep. Joe Neguse introduced H.R. 6425 to provide such an appropriation. I support this legislation and urge you to support its inclusion in the next COVID-related relief measure.

As a result of COVID-19, the Postal Service projects that it will lose \$13 billion in revenue, jeopardizing the agency's ability to provide essential mail services. In fact, the Postal Service projects that without immediate assistance, it is in danger of running out of cash by September 30, 2020.

As you may know, while most government agencies have suspended or reduced services, the Postal Service continues to provide daily universal, accessible and essential services to every community in the country. Indeed, during the ongoing crisis, the Postal Service is once again demonstrating that is a valued lifeline to senior citizens, rural America and others who are postal-reliant. In fact, the Postal Service delivered over 1 billion prescriptions last year. Congressional inaction would devastate my access as well as the access of American families to prescription drugs and other critical coronavirus-related medical products. Furthermore, inattention by Congress to the Postal Service would threaten a \$1.4 trillion mailing industry that employs more than 7.5 million people. Indeed, inaction would tear apart the seamless and reliable universal postal network, and deepen the current economic downturn

Clearly, the coronavirus pandemic has had a grave impact on our nation's health and economy. It falls upon Congress to maintain the essential services provided by the Postal Service. Please remember, despite the carnage, that the U.S. Postal Service continues to function, maintaining post office hours, and processing and delivering our nation's mail and parcels on behalf of your constituents and businesses. The nation's postal employees continue to "bind the nation together."

As your constituent, in order to maintain an integral component of our nation's essential infrastructure, I urge you to support emergency appropriations to the U.S. Postal Service.

Sincerely,