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Statement of NAPS President Brian J. Wagner
on the Administration's Call for Privatizing the Postal Service

In calling for the privatization of the United States Postal Service, the Trump Administration has charted a misguided path that will put universal mail service for all Americans at risk. The future of America’s postal system requires a modernized Postal Service, not a privatized Postal Service.

Privatization is not the answer. The privatization of America’s post offices will put at risk prompt, affordable service to many Americans, especially in rural areas. The Postal Service can become great again if Congress satisfies its legislative responsibilities and enacts the necessary reforms already backed by the postal stakeholder community. A bipartisan package of reasonable reforms awaits Congressional action and should be passed without further delay. That package would put the Postal Service on a firmer financial footing and continue to assure prompt mail service to all Americans.

The President and the Senate also should return the Board of Governors to an active state of oversight and policy-setting. These are the reasonable steps that our national leaders should take to modernize the Postal Service, not privatize it.

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