

STAND WITH LETTER CARRIERS

# RALLY TO SAVE USPS

The 295,000 active and retired members of the National Association of Letter Carriers have a message to deliver: Hands off the Postal Service.

## **ANY EFFORT TO PRIVATIZE OR RESTRUCTURE USPS IS A DIRECT THREAT TO:**

- 640,000 postal employees, including 200,000 city letter carriers represented by NALC
- The universal service every American relies on
- Millions of households and businesses, especially in rural America

## **THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE DEVASTATING:**

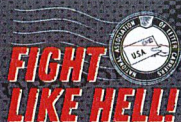
- Jeopardizing the jobs of the 7.9 million people employed by the \$1.92 trillion mailing industry
- Reducing services to 51.5 million households and businesses in rural communities, where private carriers do not deliver
- Raising shipping costs and driving inflation higher for businesses and consumers

## **SUCH PROPOSALS ARE ILLEGAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL:**

- The Postal Service, older than our nation itself, is enshrined in the Constitution.
- The Constitution gives Congress, not the president, a key role in setting postal policy.
- Mandated by federal law, USPS has been an independent, self-sufficient agency for 55 years.

## **WHY WE'RE FIGHTING:**

- To protect the jobs of 640,000 USPS employees, including 73,000 veterans
- To uphold our universal service obligation, delivering 376 million pieces of mail and packages to nearly 169 million delivery points nationwide
- To safeguard USPS, one of the nation's most trusted public agencies
- To oppose privatization efforts or reorganizational mandates that would threaten the Postal Service and our jobs



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) to hold rally to defend the U.S. Postal Service amid threats to dismantle and privatize America's most-trusted public institution**

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**WHAT:** The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will hold an urgent rally on March 23 to oppose reported efforts to take away the independence of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and degrade its universal delivery mandate, which would affect every local resident, business, organization and neighborhood. We oppose any plans to eliminate the USPS leadership, abolish regulatory oversight, and carve up postal operations, thereby threatening the universal mandate to deliver everywhere and for the same price regardless of ZIP Code. It also would put at risk the millions of jobs that depend on the postal network, rural and urban delivery services, and affordable shipping costs.

**WHO:** Local letter carriers and other supporters

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 23, From 11:00 am - 1:00pm

**WHERE:** Harry Bridges Plaza (across from the Ferry Building)

**WHY:** The NALC stands firmly against dismantling a nearly 250-year-old public institution that serves the public in every location in all 50 states and U.S. territories, that is older than the country itself, and that is based in the Constitution.

Reported plans would:

- Eliminate the USPS Board of Governors, stripping the Postal Service of independent oversight
- Abolish the Postal Regulatory Commission, leaving no independent regulatory authority on pricing and service
- Carve up USPS, jeopardizing 7.9 million jobs tied to the postal industry
- Raise shipping costs, driving inflation higher for businesses and consumers
- Sharply reduce service to rural America, including 51.5 million addresses where private carriers often do not deliver
- Destabilize commerce, affecting small businesses and major private shippers

Every day, our 200,000 letter carriers deliver 376 million pieces of mail to nearly 169 million delivery points, supporting a \$1.92 trillion mailing industry. This universal service is vital, particularly in rural areas where USPS ensures the delivery of medications, ballots and

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essential packages. Any efforts to privatize or restructure USPS threaten 640,000 postal jobs, including more than 73,000 veterans, and would be illegal and unconstitutional.

Letter carriers, allies and postal supporters will gather to send a clear message: Hands off the Postal Service!

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The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) represents 295,000 active and retired letter carriers across the United States, advocating for their rights, safety, fair treatment, and the delivery of high-quality service to residents and businesses nationwide. For more information, visit [nalc.org](http://nalc.org).