

May 14, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20215

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20215

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20210

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell, and Leader Schumer:

We appreciate the enormous amount of work Congress has already undertaken to address the unprecedented public health and economic crisis that we face as a nation. As you continue to work to address this unprecedented situation, we ask that you ensure the United States Postal Services (USPS) can continue to provide the vital services that millions of Americans, especially older Americans and those with chronic conditions, depend upon.

In the course of this pandemic, the Postal Service has proven to be a lifeline for those Americans, especially those in rural communities, who are most at risk from the coronavirus. More than ever before, people are relying on the USPS to deliver their lifesaving prescription medications and other necessities, allowing them to remain safely at home. This is critically important for Americans with chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and asthma, who need prescription medicines on an ongoing basis and are most at-risk if they contract the coronavirus. Many Americans, especially those without internet access, have also long relied on the Postal Service for vital information about their health and finances. Simply put, throughout this crisis, the Postal Service has demonstrated its vital role in American society – allowing people of all ages stay home, stay informed, and stay safe.

As Congress continues its work to respond to the coronavirus, we urge you to provide the immediate assistance needed to prevent the default of the Postal Service, which is projected by the Board of Governors to occur by as early as this fall. We urge Congress to provide the urgently needed financial support to prevent that from happening.

Sincerely,

AARP
ACCSES – The Voice of Disability Service Providers
Aging Life Care Association
Alliance for Retired Americans
American Geriatrics Society
APWU Retirees Department

Argentum
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Center for Medicare Advocacy
The Gerontological Society of America
Justice in Aging
Medicare Rights Center
National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs (NASOP)
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
Pioneer Network
Social Security Works
United Spinal Association
The Well Spouse Association