

United States Senate

April 16, 2025

Board of Governors
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors,

In light of Postmaster General DeJoy's recent resignation, I call on you to immediately pause the Delivering for America Plan and appoint a new Postmaster General who will reassess the nation's needs and determine the best course forward for this historic institution.

Despite Mr. DeJoy's departure, the United States Postal Service (USPS) continues to make drastic service cuts, increase the letter mail rate, and needlessly spend \$40 billion to grow package delivery capabilities at the expense of letter mailers, making irrevocable changes to its services, especially in rural America.

The Delivering for America Plan's wasteful spending includes billions for purchasing electric Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDV) and charging infrastructure. Rather than buying vehicles with internal combustion engines that cost less per unit, the USPS announced plans to acquire at least 66,000 electric NGDVs.¹ Unsurprisingly, this boondoggle is already way behind schedule² - highlighting yet another failure of the Delivering for America Plan.

As part of the Delivering for America Plan, on April 1, the USPS took further steps to delay mail for an additional day across America³, hitting rural businesses and residences located over 50 miles from a postal facility the hardest. In addition, the USPS announced another rate increase on letter mail⁴, further increasing costs for rural postal customers.

Since the USPS initiated the plan, the country has experienced significant service issues and rate increases, all while the USPS woefully missed its financial targets. Seeing this, Congress repeatedly voiced concerns to former Postmaster General DeJoy on the implementation of the Delivering for America Plan. The Postal Regulatory Commission's recent advisory opinion on the Delivering for America Plan also stated, "Rural communities will experience

¹Press Release, U.S. Postal Service, *U.S. Postal Service Headquarters Showcases New Next Generation Delivery Vehicle* (Oct. 30, 2024), <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2024/1030-usps-headquarters-showcases-new-next-generation-delivery-vehicle.htm>.

²Jacob Bogage, *The Postal Service's Electric Mail Trucks Are Way Behind Schedule*, The Washington Post (Dec. 12, 2024), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2024/12/11/biden-usps-ev-oshkosh-climate/>.

³Max Garland, *USPS Begins Implementing New Service Standards, Supply Chain Dive* (April 1, 2025), <https://www.supplychaindive.com/news/postal-service-delivery-standards-changes/743973/>.

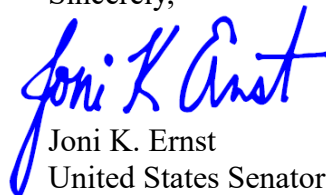
⁴U.S. Postal Service, *July 2025 Price Change* (April 11, 2025), <https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange>.

disproportionate downgrading of service standards” and that “the proposal is unlikely to significantly improve the financial health of the Postal Service for multiple reasons.”⁵.

The vacancy of the Postmaster General position presents a rare opportunity to name a new Postmaster General who will redirect USPS resources and leverage its core strengths of last mile delivery to fulfill its mission to the American people. I urge you to make a prompt decision on a suitable candidate who will maintain USPS critical services while adapting its business model to current consumer and economic needs. I insist you do not make the mistake of naming a candidate who will further pursue the Delivering for America Plan, as it will only set the Postal Service back for years to come.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-3254.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

⁵Press Release, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Postal Regulatory Commission Issues Advisory Opinion on USPS Delivering for America – PRC finds DFA has significant problems, especially in rural areas PRC urges the Postal Service to reconsider its DFA plan* (Jan. 31, 2025), <https://prc.gov/press-releases/postal-regulatory-commission-issues-advisory-opinion-usps-delivering-america-prc>.