

Don't Sell Out Veterans by Selling Off the Postal Service

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has proven its commitment to veterans. 113,000 veterans are current postal employees, over 20% of the total workforce. This makes the Postal Service one of the largest employers of veterans, second only to the Department of Defense.

Veteran organizations give the Postal Service top marks for hiring veterans and providing veterans the opportunity for good family-sustaining jobs.

Veterans depend on the Postal Service too, for delivery of mail-order prescription medicines and other postal services. Last year, the Postal Service delivered 120 million Veteran Administration-generated outpatient prescriptions to veterans.

The public U.S. Postal Service, enshrined in the U.S. Constitution and operating with zero tax dollars, provides universal service to all 157 million addresses six, and now sometimes seven, days a week. The USPS delivers 500 million letters and packages every day.

All this would radically change if the White House's plans to sell-off the Postal Service become a reality.

If the Postal Service was sold to private companies, delivery service would be based on whether a private profit can be made. Neighborhood post offices would disappear, home mail delivery could end, six-day delivery would be abolished and customer costs would significantly increase.

- ▶ **In 2018, the Postal Service was again ranked as one of the "Best of the Best" employers for veterans by US Veterans Magazine.**
- ▶ **The American Legion has called for efforts to save veteran jobs and the US Postal Service.**
- ▶ **The Postal Service exceeds the standards set by veteran and military organizations for classification as a "military friendly" employer.**
- ▶ **A 2018 Pew Research survey found that 88 percent of the U.S. population favorably views the Postal Service.**

Without the U.S. Postal Service and its Constitutional mandate to equally serve everyone in every community, shipping costs will skyrocket. Everyone will pay more, including veterans, many of whom live on fixed incomes and depend on the regular services the Postal Service provides.

We need to honor our veterans every day, not just on a few national holidays. We do that by ensuring that veterans have access to the good union jobs, opportunities and services they need.

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IT'S A FACT

- **The U.S. Postal Service uses zero tax dollars for operating costs. That means it pays for all wages, buildings, equipment and transportation from the sale of postage and other services.**
- **The Postal Service's financial problems were manufactured by Congress with legislation in 2006 that forced the USPS to pre-fund health care retiree benefits 75 years into the future, draining postal funds of \$5.5 billion a year. No other company or agency faces such a burden.**
- **The public Postal Service is the anchor of the e-commerce revolution and ensures it works for every individual and business customer.**
- **No private company will deliver letters and packages to every address or ship packages at the same reasonable rates regardless of where one lives, whether a city or rural locale.**

We have a message for Congress:

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