

Save AMERICA's Postal Service



Closing Post Offices & Mail Processing Centers and Cutting Service is Wrong

Postal Service customers need and deserve **first-class** service.

The Postal Service is critical to our economy — delivering mail, medicine and packages on time and at an affordable price, without a dime of taxpayer money.

No company can grow or even maintain its business by cutting its service. But that's exactly what the Postal Service is proposing to do. The USPS previously announced plans to close 3,700 post offices and 252 mail processing centers. Now they are proposing to revise their service commitments to eliminate overnight delivery of first-class mail, change next-day delivery to two-days, and two-day delivery to three days. The proposed changes acknowledge what the Postal Service has repeatedly denied: Slashing the mail processing network will result in drastic cuts in service to the American people.

- Closing Mail Processing Centers and cutting service is penny wise and pound foolish. Reducing the scope and quality of service will not restore the Postal Service to health. It would likely drive mailers away and therefore worsen the Postal Service's financial problems.
- Closing post offices and facilities, and reducing mail delivery, will cost jobs, cut off rural communities and make it harder for small businesses to grow.
- Downgrading service would be devastating to our economy. The Postal Service is the heart of a \$1 trillion mailing industry that employs over eight million American workers.

The root of the Postal Service's current financial crisis is a 2006 law that requires the USPS to pre-fund 75 years worth of future retiree health benefits over a 10-year period. No other business or government agency bears a similar burden. Congress created the USPS financial crisis, and Congress can fix it—without drastic cuts in service or massive layoffs, and at no cost to taxpayers.



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