

Save America's Postal Service

The Postal Service is critical to our economy – delivering mail, medicine and packages to every home and business for a good price.

Yet the Postal Service is closing half of its mail sorting facilities and thousands of post offices, reducing hours, eliminating jobs, and delaying mail *all week long*, Monday through Saturday.

Reneging on its commitment to elected officials, businesses and residents, the Postal Service recently announced that it was accelerating plans to consolidate more than 70 facilities that were originally scheduled for *possible* closure in 2014, including the one that serves our community.

The Postal Service is in danger of financial collapse – But not for the reasons you might think.

The problem is a 2006 law that is pushing the Postal Service to the brink of bankruptcy.

The USPS hasn't received a dime of taxpayer money in 30 years. But the 2006 law requires the Postal Service to pay a 75-year liability in just 10 years – to “pre-fund” healthcare benefits for future retirees – *a burden no other government agency or private company bears*. The law drains more than \$5 billion a year from the Postal Service and is the main cause of the Postal Service's financial crisis.

The 2006 law is forcing the Postal Service to dismantle its network of mail sorting facilities and post offices.

Congress created the USPS financial crisis. Congress must fix it.

The Postal Service cannot cut its way out of this manufactured crisis. Congress must act now to pass postal reform – reform that restores financial stability to the Postal Service without destroying service. Congress must act now to prevent the USPS from implementing the devastating cuts in service caused by the closure of mail sorting facilities and post offices.



Ask your senators and representative to support legislation that addresses the cause of the Postal Service's manufactured financial crisis. Ask them to:

- Repeal the unfair mandate to pre-fund health benefits;
- Protect service standards to keep post offices and mail sorting centers open, and
- Allow USPS to offer new services to consumers and businesses.

What Can You Do?

Contact Congress today. Save America's Postal Service.

By Phone: Call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 to reach your senators and representative.

By Mail: Write to your senators: [Name], U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510. Write to your representative: [Name], U.S. House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515.

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