

# A GRAND ALLIANCE TO SAVE OUR PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE

In the face of aggressive attacks, a wide range of national and local organizations have come together to create A Grand Alliance to Save Our Public Postal Service. These organizations are united in the demand that the public good must not be sacrificed for the sake of private investment and profit. A strong public Postal Service is our democratic right. A Grand Alliance is fighting to protect and enhance vibrant public postal services now—and for many generations to come.



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## A GRAND ALLIANCE MISSION STATEMENT

**T**he United States Postal Service is a wonderful national treasure, enshrined in the Constitution and supported by the American people. Without any taxpayer funding, the USPS serves 150 million households and businesses each day, providing affordable, universal mail service to all—including rich and poor, rural and urban, without regard to age, nationality, race or gender.

The U.S. Postal Service belongs to “We, the People.” But the USPS and postal jobs are threatened by narrow monied interests aimed at undermining postal services and dismantling this great public institution.

Even some postal executives have been complicit in the drive toward the destruction of the Postal Service and ultimate privatization: They have slowed mail service, closed community based Post Offices and mail processing facilities, slashed hours of operations, tried ceaselessly to end six-day service as well as door to door delivery, and eliminated hundreds of thousands of living wage jobs.

Good postal jobs are vital to strong, healthy communities, and have provided equal opportunities and the foundation for financial stability for workers from all walks of life, including racial and ethnic minorities, women and veterans. Postal services are essential to commerce and bind together families, friends and loved ones. In the day of e-commerce, a public postal service is as relevant as ever.

Yet those corporate forces who want to privatize public services allege that curtailing postal services and eliminating jobs are necessary due to diminishing mail volume and “burdensome” union wages and benefits. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In reality, a Congressionally-manufactured USPS “crisis” imposed an unfair crushing financial mandate on the Postal Service that no other government agency or private company is forced to bear. (The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 compels the USPS to pay approximately \$5.5 billion per year to fund future retiree healthcare costs 75 years in advance.) Without this unreasonable burden, the USPS would have enjoyed an operating surplus of \$600 million in 2013 and over \$1.4 Billion in 2014.

The people of this country deserve great public postal services. We advocate expanded services, such as non-profit postal banking and other financial services. We call on the Postmaster General and Postal Board of Governors to strengthen and champion the institution.

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## KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT OUR PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE



### OUR U.S. POSTAL SERVICE IS UNDER ATTACK

Our great national treasure is under attack and mail service to the American people is suffering.

- Congress manufactured the Postal Service's financial problems in 2006 by requiring the USPS to pre-fund retiree healthcare costs 75 years into the future.
- USPS has cut service by lowering service standards, delaying all mail, reducing door-to-door delivery, and closing more than 140 mail processing plants.
- Six-day delivery is constantly under threat.



### IS POSTAL PRIVATIZATION A DANGER?

Many on Wall Street and in Congress are eager to dismantle the Postal Service so they can turn over the profitable segments to private industry.

- USPS management has proposed wholesale subcontracting of its transportation operations.
- Outsourcing retail work to private companies like Staples further degrades service.
- Despite their denials, the USPS continues to privatize postal services in a piecemeal fashion.



### HAS THE POSTAL SERVICE BECOME IRRELEVANT?

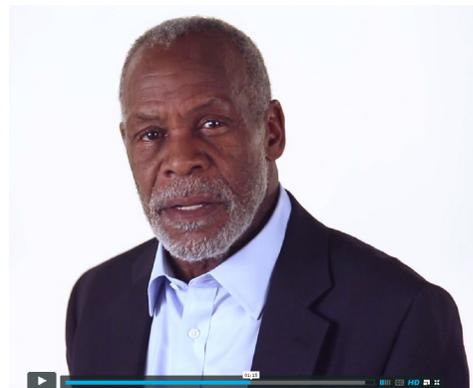
Contrary to what you may have heard, the internet isn't making the world's largest postal system irrelevant.

- Package delivery has skyrocketed, including delivery of approximately 30% of FedEx's total U.S. ground volume every day.
- In 2016, the USPS delivered nearly 154 billion pieces of mail to 156 million addresses – all without any of your tax dollars.
- If it were a private-sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 39th in the Fortune 500, with operating revenue of \$71.4 billion in fiscal year 2016.

## JOIN A GRAND ALLIANCE

You can help ensure we have a vibrant public Postal Service for generations to come. Take action today:

- Watch our inspiring videos featuring Danny Glover and Willie Nelson at [AGrandAlliance.org](http://AGrandAlliance.org).
- Become a national or local signatory organization
- Sign the pledge today at [AGrandAlliance.org](http://AGrandAlliance.org)
- Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @agrandalliance
- Send us a note to [info@agrandalliance.org](mailto:info@agrandalliance.org) or to PO Box 34273, Washington, DC 20043



## WHO WE ARE

We are a broad coalition of national, state, and local organizations representing people from many different communities. We are taking a stand against unprecedented assaults on our national treasure by those who seek to dismantle and privatize it. We believe a strong public Postal Service is our democratic right and are fighting to protect and enhance these services for now and for many generations to come.

### NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Philip Randolph Institute
- AFL-CIO
- Alliance for Democracy
- Alliance for Retired Americans
- Amalgamated Transit Union
- American Federation of Government Employees
- American Federation of School Administrators
- AFSCME
- American Federation of Teachers
- American Postal Workers Union and Auxiliary
- Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
- Black Women's Roundtable
- Catholic Labor Network
- Center for Community Change Action
- Center for Media and Democracy
- Center for Rural Affairs
- Center for Study of Responsive Law
- Coalition of Black Trade Unionists
- Coalition of Labor Union Women
- Color of Change
- CommonSpark
- Communications Workers of America
- Communities and Postal Workers United
- Congressional Black Caucus
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus
- Consumer Action
- Democracy for America
- Essential Information
- Family Farm Defenders
- Farm Aid
- Farm Labor Organizing Committee
- Gamaliel Network
- Greenpeace USA
- Healthcare-NOW!
- Hightower Lowdown
- In the Public Interest
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Interfaith Worker Justice
- International Association of Fire Fighters
- Jewish Labor Committee
- Jobs With Justice
- Labor Campaign for Single Payer Healthcare
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
- Ms. Foundation for Women
- NAACP
- National Action Network
- National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
- National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees
- National Association of Letter Carriers
- National Association of Postal Supervisors
- National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
- National Consumers League
- National Council of Churches
- National Education Association
- National Farmers Union
- National Nurses United
- National Organization for Women
- National Postal Mail Handlers Union
- National Rural Letter Carriers' Association
- New Progressive Alliance
- 9to5
- People Demanding Action
- People for the American Way
- People's Action
- Popular Resistance
- Pride at Work
- Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
- Public Citizen
- Railroad Workers United
- Rainbow PUSH Coalition
- Service Employees International Union
- Sierra Club
- Social Security Works
- United For A Fair Economy
- United Students Against Sweatshops
- VoteVets Action Fund
- Working America

*All national and local signatories are listed at [AGrandAlliance.org](http://AGrandAlliance.org)*

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