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National Executive Board  
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Friends:

I hope that you and your family, friends, and loved ones are taking care during this difficult time. The last few months have challenged our resolve as a nation, but the same hope fueling this campaign—that together, when we stand united there is nothing we can't do—is how we'll overcome this public health crisis and emerge stronger.

To face the urgent challenges here at home and restore our standing on the world stage, it is more critical than ever that we make our economy more resilient to future crises and for future generations of Americans. That means strengthening worker organizing, collective bargaining, and unions. Make no mistake, if I am elected President, organized labor—and the American Postal Workers Union—will have a friend, a partner, and an advocate in the White House.

I have long supported the U.S. Postal Service and its employees—women and men who provide essential services to more than 150 million delivery points across the country. As one of the few government agencies explicitly authorized by the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Postal Service remains at the heart of the country's economy as it fills its Congressional mandate to deliver service to all Americans, no matter where they live. The USPS Universal Service Obligation (USO) is a promise that unites us as a country, enables our very freedom, and allows all citizens, no matter how remote, the ability to participate in our democracy, our economy, and our society. As U.S. Senator, I co-sponsored the Mail Delivery Protection Act, which would have protected against USPS privatization by prohibiting it from contracting mail delivery to private contractors and as President, I will continue the fight to protect the Postal Service from all attempts at privatization.

Our U.S. Postal Service workers are on the front lines of this public health crisis, playing a crucial role in the delivery of essential items like medicine, medical supplies, and food. In this and other ways, USPS workers are the eyes and ears of the community, often the first line of defense for rural and disenfranchised communities that lack broadband access. Without delay, Congress must guarantee the Postal Service the emergency funds necessary to safely continue operations. Workers must be provided personal protective equipment and testing so they can do their jobs safely, and pandemic premium pay for putting themselves at risk. This crisis makes clear: the USPS doesn't just perform the integral task of offering mailing and shipping services in accordance with its Universal Service Obligation, it is also often the social and economic



lifeline to rural and lower-income communities across the nation. Our support for the Postal Service must match the commitment that its workers bring to serving our communities.

Looking ahead to the fall, we must determine how we'll conduct a full, fair, and safe election. We must provide our citizens with every option to exercise their right to vote, in person and by mail. With sufficient support, the U.S. Postal Service will be integral to ensuring millions of Americans' are afforded their constitutional right to vote.

Donald Trump's all-out assault on the rights of the American people represented by unions has to end if we are to build back our economy and not leave anyone behind. I don't need to remind you how important this election is. The resilience and courage of the essential workers you represent give me hope that if we stand united, we will overcome this crisis and the crisis of the Trump presidency to build a stronger middle class and a stronger nation. I hope you'll roll up your sleeves and work with me to get it done.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Joe Biden

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.