

POSTAL WORKERS TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT OUR JOBS, PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE

In a resounding show of solidarity, thousands of postal workers and members of the community took to the streets for a National Day of Action on March 20 to say, “Hands Off Our Public Postal Service – The U.S. Mail Is Not for Sale!”

From coast to coast - and beyond - postal workers, joined by labor and community allies, took action at over 300 locations throughout the country to fight for our jobs, our service, and our future. Many thousands more, who due to work schedules were unable to attend a local event, took action by calling Congress and signing petitions.

Event organizers took photos and videos of their events and shared them on social media and in the press. In total, there were over 600 TV news stories, 231 print stories, and over three million views of social media posts. Our message came through loud and clear – the U.S. Mail Is Not for Sale!

By holding informational pickets, handing out leaflets, speaking with customers, holding press conferences and talking with the media, postal workers underscored the importance of a vibrant, public Postal Service and informed the public about the serious threat that postal privatization poses to our jobs and services. Many APWU members kept the momentum going by joining the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association (NRLCA) for rallies in the following days.

Postal privatization would not just mean the end of reliable, affordable services, it would also destroy more than 600,000



good union jobs. That is why we spent the day speaking one-on-one with customers and reaching out to local media to get the word out that the U.S. Mail Is Not for Sale!

Our message came through clearly – and at a critical moment. On Monday March 24, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy resigned. There is no doubt that he was forced out by a presidential administration that is intent on breaking up and selling off the public Postal Service. This is just the next step in the White House's plans for a hostile takeover of the Postal Service. APWU now calls on the Board of Governors to nominate a Postmaster General who will respect postal workers and protect our public Postal Service.

“This is really a fight between Wall Street and Main Street. They want their hands on this money,” said APWU President Mark Dimondstein, in reference to the nearly \$80 billion that the USPS generates in revenue each year. “And we want to take care of the 169 million addresses that we move the mail to get delivered to every day,” he continued.

“March 20 is not a one-day battle, this is the beginning of an ongoing fight,” concluded President Dimondstein, while addressing attendees at the Brentwood Post Office in Washington, DC.

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THE FIGHT DOESN'T END HERE, WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED!

Keep the conversation going about the threats to our public Postal Service. Continue to share the flyers in your community and ask your friends and family to call Congress as well. The public Postal Service does not belong to the billionaires, it belongs to all of us. Visit apwu.org/action to find other ways you can keep up the momentum.

