

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20220

March 24, 2020

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The undersigned associations and consumer organizations are alarmed at the dramatic drop in revenues of the Postal Service as a result of the pandemic and resulting economic contraction. Customarily a critical part of our nation's infrastructure, the Postal Service is vastly more important now in tying the nation together and ensuring that prescriptions, packages of essential staples, food and more, as well as personal communications to bridge social distancing, are delivered to the many millions sheltering in place all over our country. Postal workers have been designated by the Department of Homeland Security as providing "Essential" services. We are fighting a war against this virus, and if USPS degrades or becomes insolvent, we will lose a key weapon in this battle.

Based on last week's trends, USPS would completely run out of cash by the end of the Fiscal Year on September 30. Given that trends are worsening, however, that date could come as early as July.

Therefore, we urgently request that Congress adopt a program of funding and other changes in the coronavirus package under consideration that will ensure the Postal Service can remain fully functional during this crisis and beyond.

Attached is a paper with more specific reasons to help the postal system and offering recommendations of ways in which Congress can assist the Postal Service now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

American Catalog Mailers Association
American Forest & Paper Association
Association for Postal Commerce
Association for Print Technologies
Association of Free Community Papers
Community Papers of Michigan
Envelope Manufacturers Association

Florida Graphics Alliance
Florida Media Association
Graphic Arts Association
Graphic Media Alliance
Great Lakes Graphics Assn
Greeting Card Association
Imaging Network Group

Independent Free Papers of America
Int'l. Mailers Advisory Group
Major Mailers Association
Midwest Free Community Papers Assn
MPA – The Assn of Magazine Media
National Association of Presort Mailers
National Consumers League
National Grange
National Newspaper Association
National Postal Policy Council
National Retail Federation
News Media Alliance
Pacific Printing Industries Association
Parcel Shippers Association
Print Media Association
Printing & Graphics Assn MidAtlantic
Printing/Imaging Association of Georgia

Printing & Imaging Assn of MidAmerica
Printing Industries Alliance
Printing Industries of America
Printing Industries Assn of San Diego
Printing Industries Assn of So. California
Printing Industries Gulf Coast
Printing Industries Assn of the South
Printing Industry Midwest
Printing Industry of New England
Saturation Mailers Coalition
Southeastern Advert'g. Publishers Assn
The Printing Industries of the Carolinas
Western States Printing Alliance
Wisconsin Community Mailers
Visual Media Alliance