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STOP the White House Plan to Privatize USPS

For years, conservative think tanks like the Heritage Foundation have advocated for the privatization of the Postal Service. Now, we are seeing their efforts pay off. Recently, the White House's Office of Management and Budget issued a report directly calling for the privatization of the Postal Service. The proposal, *Delivering Government Solutions in the 21st Century*, would "restructure the U.S. Postal Service" and "prepare it for future conversion from a Government agency into a privately-held corporation."

What Does Privatization Mean?

- Privatization means the end of our publicly owned and operated United States Postal Service, to be replaced in part by private corporate interests.
- Privatization means the elimination of our jobs and our livelihoods. Further, it jeopardizes the future of our hard-earned retirement and healthcare benefits.
- Privatization means the end of Universal Service.

What Is Universal Service?

Universal Service is the key difference between our public United States Postal Service and any private company intended to replace it.

Universal Service is the Postal Service's mandate to, "bind the nation together through the personal, educational, literary and business correspondence of the people." Fulfilling its mission enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, the Postal Service provides affordable, reliable, and timely mail service to all Americans regardless of their health or wealth, who they are or where they live.

Universal Service is not a mission a private corporation will adhere to. Driven by its profit motive, a private company will not deliver a letter from Miami to Anchorage for 50 cents.



The Stakes

Privatizing the Postal Service and eliminating its Universal Service mandate will have a very real and very negative impact on those who depend on affordable, reliable mail delivery. It means cuts to service for millions of Americans, particularly those in rural areas and inner cities. As the White House Report highlights, privatization can mean hiked postage rates and the end of timely service and door delivery.

This White House plan is a wake-up call to every postal worker and APWU member. The threats of postal privatization, the threats to decent union jobs, the threats to good services, are real.

The American Postal Workers Union stands with the people of this country and our many allies in the ongoing fight to ensure a vibrant public Postal Service for generations to come.

House Resolution 993

Introduced by Rodney Davis (R-IL) and Stephen Lynch (D-MA)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

Contact your member of Congress and tell them to become a co-sponsor!
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