

The United States Postal Service has been in financial trouble for a while... why do we need to support it **RIGHT NOW?**
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The USPS is guaranteed by the Constitution, but Republicans have been trying to weaken it for years. In 2006 they passed an Act requiring the USPS pre-fund its retirement health care costs for 75 years into the future, a burden placed on no other federal agency.

Now, due to a projected \$13 billion loss of revenue because of COVID-19, the Postmaster General warned the USPS will run out of money within a few months (possibly as early as June) without federal assistance.

In early February 2020, the House passed the USPS Fairness Act (HR 2382), but it has not been taken up by the Senate. The CARES Act provided the USPS with \$10 billion in additional borrowing authority, but it still needs direct aid and possibly debt forgiveness.

I live in California, one of the few states which already allows everyone to vote by mail. Voting by mail may be vitally necessary in the upcoming fall elections. Many Republicans oppose vote by mail which has been linked to higher voter turnout and Democratic victories.

I am heavily reliant on the USPS as a freelance artist. In 2019, I shipped 250+ etsy orders and 200+ patreon backer rewards. I've spent almost \$300 there in 2020 alone, and I pay annually for a PO box to use as my business address.

The USPS employs around 650,000 people, more than 100,000 of whom are veterans, and a huge amount of whom are unionized. It serves all of the US at the same low price. Sending a regular envelope costs \$0.55. Sending the same envelope to a rural area via FedEx can cost as much as \$15.50.

Please support the USPS! Text MAIL to 668366 and text USPS to 50409 to demand USPS funding (both require you to give some personal info, including your name and zip code) Or call your Senators directly to tell them you use and support the USPS.

And buy stamps if you can! Don't know what to mail? My birthday is coming up, send me a postcard to:

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Did you know the USPS website sells tiny mail trucks and other cute merch...!?



I want the USPS to still exist as a federal service by the time of the 2020 election! Please help!

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