

## 2025 Postal Crisis – APWU Key Talking Points

***On February 20, the Washington Post reported that the President would issue an Executive Order firing the postal Board of Governors, the Postmaster General and placing the USPS under the control of the Commerce Department and its billionaire Secretary Howard Lutnick. These efforts have since been confirmed by the President.***

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- The Postal Service is enshrined in the Constitution, created by Congress and supported by the people.
- The Postal Service belongs to the people, not to any one individual or the billionaires.
- The public Postal Service is a democratic right of the people with a universal service mandate that requires delivery to 169 million addresses at least six days a week, no matter who we are or where we live. No private company would or could provide such universal service as private companies will base services on private profit, period.
- Any such EO would amount to an illegal hostile takeover of the USPS as the law is clear: The Postal Board of Governors are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Only the Postal Board of Governors can hire or fire the PMG; The USPS is purposely set up by Congress to be free of political interference. Furthermore, only Congress can change the structure of the Postal Service.
- The reported action is an attack on the postal services that millions of Americans rely upon. Any undermining of its independence and mission is an assault on the American people as it will be a death spiral heading to more and more privatization.
- Privatization means turning over public postal services to private companies and investors whose goal is maximum profit, not the wellbeing and rights of the people. Privatization of the public Postal Service, in whole or in part, will lead to higher prices and reduced services – especially to rural America. Privatization would also spell the elimination of decent union living-wage jobs for workers from all walks of life, including more than 70,000 military veterans. Good jobs build stronger communities.
- The USPS is the low-cost anchor of the \$1.2 trillion mail and package industry consisting of over 7 million jobs.
- The public should take these threats seriously. In his first term, President Trump, in a 2018 OMB report, proposed outright privatization of the USPS – selling it off to private corporations for private profit. In a December 2024 press conference, he said “There is talk about the Postal Service being taken private, you do know that.”
- Postal workers stand with the people to defend the Postal Service. Our message is the “US Mail is Not For Sale” – Hands off Our Public Postal Service.
- The post office will celebrate it’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July. Here’s to the next 250 years of public postal services!
- Tell Congress to Stand Up to the Administration and protect the Postal Service.