

## Day of Action - June 23 - #SaveThePostOffice

*National union and locals are organizing car caravans and other actions to demand Congress support the Postal Service*



*Car Caravan to support the public Postal Service in Detroit on May 21*

On June 23, postal workers and our supporters will join collective actions across the country to demand Congress save the Postal Service.

Together with our allies in the labor movement and other community organizations, an APWU caravan in Washington, DC will deliver over two million petition signatures of postal customers demanding Congress pass the emergency relief the Postal Service needs. APWU locals and state organizations are planning events across the country in support of the petition's demands.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, mail volume has dropped dramatically and the Postal Service could run out of money this year, threatening our jobs and the vital service we provide the country.

The House of Representatives recently passed \$25 billion in emergency COVID-related funding for the Postal Service in its latest stimulus bill (the *HEROES Act*), a bill which also included hazard pay for postal workers and removed conditions on a \$10 billion line of credit in a previous stimulus bill. We must continue making our voices heard as the Senate deliberates on their own stimulus legislation.

Senators need to keep hearing from the people they represent about the role the Postal Service is playing during this crisis and its ongoing value to the American people. While the people are firmly on our side we must continue to build support in the Sen-

ate to ensure postal funding is included in the next stimulus.

After the Postal Service reported to Congress in April about its urgent financial situation, the country has responded with an outpouring of support for postal workers and the USPS, including almost two million supporters signing various petitions telling the government to Save the Post Office. On June 23, the National APWU will join with partners in delivering these names to Congress.

“The APWU is leading the charge, taking the demand of the people directly to the Senate,” said President Mark Dimondstein. “The people are speaking loud and clear: Congress must include urgent financial relief for the Postal Service in the next stimulus bill.”

Support our demands in Congress, join an event and spread the message! Tell your Senators that any stimulus legislation must at least include an **emergency \$25 billion appropriation** for lost revenue due to COVID-19.

Contact your local or state union to see if they are organizing an event, or check [apwu.org](http://apwu.org) to sign up to receive information on how to participate in the day of action! You can also sign up by texting CARAVAN to 91990.

# Watch & Share: New Ads Salute Postal Workers, Call on Congress for Emergency Relief

In response to the urgent financial crisis facing the Postal Service, the APWU launched multiple advertisements to rally public support around Saving the Post Office. The first advertisement, a 30-second video titled “Save the Postal Service – Because It’s Yours!”, was released on May 21. The video salutes the work of postal workers and asks the public to tell Congress to save the Postal Service. The ad has been seen by over a million people and inspired thousands to call their Senators. The APWU encourages every member to watch the video, call their Senators and share the ad with co-workers, family and neighbors.

The ad is available on [apwu.org](http://apwu.org), and you can also view by scanning the QR code below on your phone.



Actor and Activist Danny Glover

Below is his message:

*“It’s hard to think of an institution more central to American life than the U.S. Postal Service, maybe that’s why it’s so easy to take it for granted.*

*I’m Danny Glover, and both my parents were postal workers; and during the holiday season, so was I.*

*My parents went to work knowing that what they did in our community was essential, and that’s still true today.*

*The coronavirus has impacted the Postal Service like any other business, finances are tight; but postal workers are still risking their own health on the front lines.*

*Nothing would have kept my mom and dad from their jobs because it’s more than a job.*

*Mail keeps American open - for business, for community, and for family.*

*Join me in expressing gratitude to the men and women of the U.S. Postal Service.”*

You can listen to both ads on [apwu.org](http://apwu.org), or by scanning the QR code on your phone.



Image from “Save the Postal Service – Because it’s Yours!”



Scan to watch video advertisement

On June 3, the APWU also released a series of radio ads. The first radio ad, titled “Essential,” focuses on the critical role postal workers are playing during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the effects the pandemic is having on the Postal Service’s finances. It ends with a call to listeners to contact Congress and tell them to save the Postal Service. This ad is currently on air nationally.

The APWU also released a radio public service announcement, narrated by actor and activist Danny Glover. Glover, the son of retired postal workers, shares his own story in the ad, bringing a personal touch to the crisis facing the Postal Service.



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