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**Postal Workers: “The U.S. Mail is Not for Sale.”**

**APWU and community allies rally against a proposed hostile takeover and possible sale of the United States Postal Service that would raise rates and shutter post offices.**

**Actions are planned for 150 cities Thurs., March 20.**

**WASHINGTON** – Thousands of postal workers, members of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), will be joining with community allies on Thurs., March 20, in front of 150 postal facilities across the country to sound the alarm about a proposed plan to unlawfully take over the independent public United States Postal Service (USPS) and transfer it to the U.S. Department of Commerce or possibly break it up or sell it off completely.

 The cities where the “U.S. Mail is Not for Sale – Day of Action” events are planned include Washington, Atlanta, New York, Detroit, Dallas, Denver, Orlando, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Nashville, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Buffalo, and Seattle. A complete list of locations can be found [here](https://apwu.org/day-of-action).

In February, President Trump said that he was considering [an illegal takeover](https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/26/business/us-postal-service-privatization/index.html) of the postal service. Earlier this month, [speaking at an investor conference,](https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/doge/elon-musk-suggests-us-privatize-postal-service-amtrak-rcna194960) Trump advisor and billionaire Elon Musk said that he was looking into “privatizing,” –-in other words selling-off—the USPS. The USPS is an independent entity, largely self-funded by the sale of stamps or charges for packages and services –not taxes. Only Congress is authorized to change the structure of the postal service.

“This is the people’s postal *service*, emphasis on ‘service,’” said APWU President Mark Dimondstein. “If this administration succeeds in taking over the USPS, it will lead to**higher prices and reduced service, especially in rural areas**.” The USPS, now in its 250th year, is enshrined in the Constitution. “It belongs to the people on Main Street, it shouldn’t be handed over to Wall Street, Dimondstein said. “The U.S. mail is not for sale.”

Selling off the USPS would be a costly proposition for postal customers. This month Wells Fargo Advisors told Wall Street investors that privatization of the postal service “would be positive for FedEx & UPS. In order to stand alone and earn a reasonable return we estimate [USPS would need to raise price by 30-140 %.](https://www.savethepostoffice.com/wells-fargo-offers-framework-for-postal-privatization/)”  The Wells Fargo guidance also discussed closing, or as they term it, “harvesting” neighborhood post offices.

*The American Postal Workers Union represents 200,000 employees of the United States Postal Service and is affiliated with the AFL-CIO. For more information on APWU, visit* [*www.apwu.org*](http://www.apwu.org/) **# #  #**