



The Save the Post Office Coalition came together in summer 2020, soon after Postmaster Louis DeJoy began sabotaging the post office with service cuts and mail slowdowns. The coalition's membership includes over 300 organizations that range from national groups like Public Citizen, ACLU, NAACP, Indivisible, MoveOn, Color of Change, the American Postal Workers Union, National Farmers Union, VoteVets, and RuralOrganizing.org, to state groups like Mainers for Accountable Leadership, Alaska PIRG, and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

In the First 100 Days

1. Fill Vacant Board of Governors Seats Immediately. The Biden administration and the Senate must work to confirm four diverse and forward-looking members to the postal Board of Governors. Since Louis DeJoy is actively doing damage to the Post Office that may be irreversible, and the current board has not held him accountable, the Senate must prioritize these nominations, with or without Republican support.

2. Emergency Relief Legislation. Congress must shepherd the passage of must-pass USPS emergency relief legislation which includes the elimination of the pre-funding mandate and postal banking enabling legislation, drawing on existing legislative proposals.

The postal board of governors has asked for:

- \$25 billion in emergency COVID relief
- \$25 billion for "shovel-ready" infrastructure (buildings and trucks)
- \$25 billion in debt relief & additional lending authority from Treasury Dep't

Total = \$75 billion

Experts have determined that at a minimum, \$25 billion is necessary to make USPS whole from COVID-19, only \$10 billion of which has been approved by Congress.

3. Speech from President Biden. President Biden must make a speech laying out a vision for the future of the post office as a community hub for services. This vision should include postal banking, but also expanded services like rural broadband and fishing licenses, senior checks, voter registration, adding value to bus and subway passes, and census outreach.

4. Name a Postal Czar. In President Biden's future of the post office speech or elsewhere, the President should name a focal point or a "postal czar." The person nominated to the position would need to expressly support postal banking, have interagency experience, and take an expanded view of the post office's role in our democracy.