

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2024

The Honorable Louis DeJoy  
Postmaster General  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza West, Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy,

We are writing to you because we have heard multiple concerns related to the proposed consolidation of mail sorting in Oregon. As part of the United States Postal Service's ten-year "Delivering for America" plan, U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is set to implement dramatic changes regarding where and how mail is sorted. These changes will have significant implications for the Postal Service workforce.

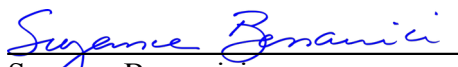
The proposed changes could require letter carriers to travel long distances from their delivery routes to have mail sorted, which will dramatically lengthen commute times and add unnecessary complexity to workers' jobs.


Since the release of the "Delivering for America" plan, there have been many reasonable objections raised about the merits of its provisions—including the consolidation of mail sorting and delivery. Rather than cutting costs and increasing efficiency, many communities and workers in the postal service across the country have seen the opposite occur after consolidation.

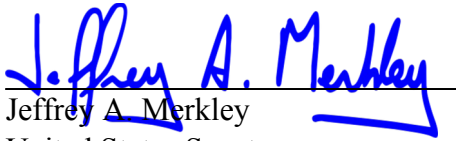
The USPS is a vital service to the people we represent and to our economy. It is critical that mail is sorted and delivered in a timely manner and that letter carriers and postal workers are treated with the respect they deserve. We request that the USPS engage in robust dialogue with letter carriers before moving forward with the consolidation plan involving the Portland region. Specifically, we respectfully request that USPS convene at least one listening session in every requested location that is open to all affected employees within the next 30 days.

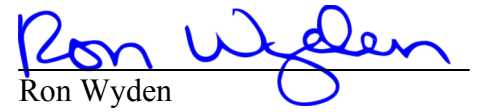
Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

  
Suzanne Bonamici  
Member of Congress

  
Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress

  
Jeffrey A. Merkley  
United States Senator

  
Ron Wyden  
United States Senator