



Legislative Update

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Stress and anxiety have become the everyday norm for so many of us in this country this year. Up until June it was the coronavirus that caused so much of the stress and anxiety, and it somehow became politicized. Not for everyone, but maybe, for too many. In the small community I live in quite often wearing a mask means you are a liberal democrat, and not wearing one makes you a republican, fearless and strong, yet there are those that wear it simply because it is the right thing to do. Slowly I have seen many more of my neighbors, both republicans and democrats, donning that ever-hated bit of protection without question. Maybe some have just given into the pressures, but we should still be asking ourselves; How did this become a political statement?

I don't think anyone expected the never-ending hurricane, known as DeJoy, that hit the Post Office in mid-June and speculations have been made that he is trying to dismantle the Postal Service piece by piece, from within. With the reports coming at us daily of the delaying of mail, shortening of hours, removing casing equipment, removal of drop boxes, dismantling of sorting equipment and let's not forget what is being called the Friday night massacre, stress levels are rising and so is uncertainty. Besides the reported sweeping changes he has implemented, his personal credibility is also being questioned. Did he truly divest his considerable interests in UPS and JB Hunt? Both of which are significant competitors of USPS. Did his large RNC and the Trump re-election campaign donations have anything to do with his appointment as PMG? Most recently the question of the purchase of Amazon stock, after June, has spark yet more interest from congress. And of course, the "Headliners", is he trying to mess with the upcoming presidential election on behalf of POTUS? Both DeJoy and the Board of Governors are scheduled to meet with Congress later this month. Perhaps we will get some clarification then.

In the meantime, we are in the middle of Election Season once again. Regardless of how you decide to cast your vote this November, I sincerely hope it is with thought and education. Where do your candidates stand on postal reform? Is this something you ask yourself, if not, should it be?

We already know which of the incumbent representatives that we can and cannot count on when it is time to co-sponsor a bill or how they are inclined to vote on Postal reform. I encourage everyone to do just a bit of research on those vying for those positions.

District 1	Suzan DelBene (D)	vs	Jeffrey Beeler (R)
District 2	Rick Larsen (D)	vs	Timothy Hazelo (R)
District 3	Jamie Herra Beutler (R)	vs	Carolyn Long (D)
District 4	Dan Newhouse (R)	vs	Douglas McKinley (D)
District 5	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)	vs	Dave Wilson (D)
District 6	Derek Kilmer (D)	vs	Elizabeth Kreselmaier (R)
District 7	Pramila Jayapal (D)	vs	Craig Keller (R)
District 8	Kim Schrier (D)	vs	Jesse Jensen (R)
District 9	Adam Smith (D)	vs	Doug Basler (R)
District 10	Marilyn Strickland (D)	vs	Beth Doglio (D)

Please stay safe and healthy.

