

It's time to get off the fence, and into the battle.

The Postal Service has never been more important – or more endangered.

Bloomberg Businessweek, April 20, 2020

Congress gave the Postal Service a Band-Aid. It needs a permanent fix.

Washington Post, Editorial Board, April 20, 2020

Trump administration considers leveraging emergency coronavirus loan to force Postal Service changes.

Washington Post, Jacob Bogage and Lisa Run, April 23, 2020

Trump won't approve Postal Service loan unless agency raises charges for Amazon.

L.A. Times-Associated Press, April 24, 2020

Election could suffer if federal government doesn't increase Postal Service funding amid coronavirus, Wyman says

Seattle Times staff reporter, Joseph O'Sullivan, April 29, 2020

These are just a few of the dozens of articles that I have read in the recent weeks, as you can imagine the common thread in all of them is the Postal Services financial problems. I have heard several Postal Employees, from Management to the Carriers, saying we have been hearing this for years, and just don't believe that it is important. Or many just don't know what is going on at all because "they don't follow all of that political stuff". But the fact of the matter is, we are in a fight for our jobs, for the continuation of the service that we as Postal Workers provide, and for our customers. The possibility of a disruption or the shuttering of the Postal Service is real and at our doors.

[HR 6800](#), also known as the Heroes Act, was introduced on May 12, 2020, and passed in the House May 15, 2020, 208 to 199. On May 21, 2020, this bill was read into the Senate and placed on the calendar for the week of May 25, 2020. If passed into law this bill would provide the Postal Service \$25 Billion in relief funds.

Trump, McConnell saying Heroes act is DOA: GOP has learned nothing.

Bipartisanpress.com, May 18, 2020

This bill passed through the House by a slim margin, and now it seems that getting it through the Senate and signed into law by the President is going to be an uphill climb. I know we keep encouraging everyone to make the phone calls to your Representatives, and we are still asking that of you. Now we are asking that you do more. Recently while getting my oil changed, I had the time to chat with the owner of the garage. Tony is a diehard Republican and supports the President in all matters, until now. Knowing that his wife's business ships product daily through the Post Office, I was able to help him see the importance of keeping the Post office a viable entity for our community. If his wife's business had to go through a private shipper, she would likely go out of business due to the expense. He had never looked at it that way, and promised to call our Senators and ask them to vote yes. I took that as a win, and it was easy, just a casual conversation. Here are a few suggestions that you could do to help.

- Bring it up in conversation.
- Make up post cards with the hot topics to discuss and carry them with you if that would make it easier.
- Make up post cards with the contact information of our Representatives and hand them out.
- Yard signs, "Help Us Save the Post Office", or something to that effect.
- Ask friends and family in other states via Facebook, twitter or any other social media platform to help out.
- Tweet the president and let him know how important the Post Office is to you.

I think you get the drift of some of the things that we can do, just please remember to follow the guidelines of the HATCH ACT. We don't want to start arguments or be aggressive about our views, just provide information, and ask for help. There is only a short period of time left before we move to the 117th Congress at which time everything starts over. Getting [SR 2965](#) through the Senate by a majority vote would bring us that much closer to helping bring the Postal Service into financial stability. So Please remember to continue asking our Senators to sign on and vote Yea for [SR 2965](#).

