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TO: All Local Presidents

FR: Paul V. Hogrogian / National President, NPMHU

RE: Postal Stimulus Support

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I come to you with an urgent message. As it stands, the current Senate stimulus plan only includes \$10 billion in borrowing power for the United States Postal Service. That's \$10 billion to keep our doors open during a worldwide pandemic so we can still provide an essential service. This is a slap in the face for something that is responsible for putting \$1.4 trillion into the national economy, and for a workforce is putting their health and safety on the line.

At this point, the House is now taking up this plan. I urge you reach out to your Representatives, urging them to support the Postal Service. As the country enters an unprecedented economic downturn, the Postal Service faces serious threats to its viability. Yet as it's being threatened, it continues to play an important role by delivering public health information, distributing protective gear and supplies for health care workers, and transporting consumer goods purchased online. Congress has ignored the Postal Service and postal workers in the first stimulus bill. It appears that the Postal Service and its employees were not priorities for them. We must make sure that we are not ignored again in subsequent stimulus bills.

Reach out to your Representatives as soon as possible as time is of the essence. It is vital they understand the importance of the Postal Service, its workforce, and the necessity for it to continually meet the demands of the pubic. The Postal Service cannot become another victim of the COVID-19 pandemic. As many of you are already politically active, please use your best points of contact in congressional offices. Contact information can also be found at www.house.gov/representatives. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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