

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Letitia James
Attorney General of New York State
28 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10005

Dear Attorney General James:

As you know, recent policy and operational changes made by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy severely undermine the speed, reliability, and accessibility of the services the United States Postal Service (USPS) provides. Therefore, I respectfully request that you conduct an investigation into USPS's recent removal of postal equipment in New York State, and separately into whether Postmaster General DeJoy violated any laws when he implemented new policies and administrative initiatives at USPS.

Amidst the worst public health crisis in generations, and with an election in fewer than three months, Postmaster General DeJoy has deliberately impeded the delivery of postal services, causing substantial delays in the delivery of millions of Americans' medicine, paychecks, bills, and letters to loved ones. This not only complicates the daily lives of Americans, but can often require them to make in-person visits to banks, service providers and voting booths, which could put their lives in danger while furthering the transmission of COVID-19.

In recent weeks, my office has received numerous complaints, concerns, and questions related to the postal service rollbacks. Furthermore, constituents have shared accounts and photographs of USPS personnel removing functional equipment from Upper Manhattan neighborhoods. Notwithstanding Postmaster General DeJoy's announcement this afternoon that he will suspend further changes to services until after the November elections, and the overwhelming legal action brought forth by attorneys general, including yourself, the existent of the damage from recent policy changes already instituted by must be promptly investigated and rectified.

Thus, I reiterate my request that your office investigate the potential criminality of decisions made by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, as well as the agency's recent removal of postal equipment in New York, which poses a direct threat to the public's health, access to the ballot, and ability to receive vital correspondence, medicines, and packages.

I appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to working with you to protect the integrity and efficiency of our time-honored postal system.

Sincerely,



Adriano Espaillat
Member of Congress