

# Communities and Postal Workers United (CPWU)

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## DEJOY RESIGNS DOGE & WORSE TO COME

(*excerpts from Common Dreams, Jon Queally, Mar 25, 2025*)

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has officially left office, but defenders of the U.S. Postal Service said the long-awaited departure of its reviled chief administrator does not mean the nation's public mail service is safe from the threat of privatization, which they warn remains the goal of President Donald Trump and right-wing allies like Elon Musk.

"Louis DeJoy was forced out by a presidential administration that is intent on breaking up and selling off the public Postal Service. Reports from last month made clear that the White House has plans for a hostile takeover of the Postal Service," says Mark Dimondstein, president of the American Postal Workers Union. In February, President Donald Trump began an "outrageous, unlawful attack" on the USPS by plotting to terminate all the members of the Board of Governors and putting the agency under his direct control.

**"Elon Musk is not about efficiency—he's about picking your pocket."** —Mark Dimondstein, APWU President

Any such attack, Dimondstein said, "is part of the ongoing oligarchs' coup against the vital public services our members and other public servants provide the country. We know that privatized postal services will lead to higher postage prices and lower service quality for the public. No matter who leads the USPS, it is—and must remain—the People's Postal Service."

Dimondstein acknowledged the controversial legacy of DeJoy, but added, "say what you want, it turned out he was not a privatizer," as he reiterated his belief that DeJoy was forced out by Trump, at least in part, to make way for someone more aggressive in that direction.

The APWU calls on the Board of Governors to stand its ground and take its responsibilities seriously. The Board should move as quickly as possible to hire as the next permanent Postmaster General, someone committed to the public service mission of the USPS, who respects the rights of hardworking postal workers, and who will not break up and sell off our public Postal Service.

The union warns that a plan put in motion by DeJoy—who said he worked hand-in-hand with Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, to implement changes—would, in addition to massive job losses at the Postal Service:

- \*Abolish the Postal Regulatory Commission, leaving no independent regulatory authority on pricing and service;
- \*Raise shipping costs, driving inflation higher for businesses and consumers; and
- \*Sharply reduce service to rural America, including over 50 million addresses where private carriers often do not deliver.

Dimondstein cited moves by a "salivating" Wells Fargo bank about the profit potential if parcel service was taken away from the public Postal Service. "We're trying to alert the public, the people of the country, that our postal services are truly in danger," Dimondstein said at a rally in Washington, D.C. on March 23rd. "This is not a one-off day; this is the beginning of an ongoing fight."

Call Congress: Defend Our Public Postal Service  
Email Your Legislators  
Email the Postal Board of Governors  
Record a Video of Support



<https://apwu.org/action>

## 500+ RALLIES ON 2 DAYS IN MARCH (ACROSS THE NATION—MAR. 20, APWU; MAR. 23 NALC) HANDS OFF THE PEOPLE'S POST !



# WELLS FARGO IS PLOTTING TO PRIVATIZE THE POST OFFICE

(excerpts from an article by Paul Prescod, Jacobin, 3/22/25)

A newly released memo from the banking giant Wells Fargo outlines a predatory scheme to dismantle the USPS: sell off profitable parts, slash union jobs, and raise prices by up to 140 percent.

Wells Fargo envisions a postal service where the mail is kept as a taxpayer-funded government entity while the package and parcel components, which are more profitable, are “sold or IPOed.” In order for the new private company to earn a decent profit, “USPS would need to raise prices by ~30-140% across its product line.”

A privatized postal system would also take aim at the Universal Service Obligation, which requires mail to be delivered to every address six days a week. Such dedication to equitable service “would be a challenge for a third-party operator to profitably move mail and packages,” the memo complains. This move would also put pressure on the proposed mail-only service, which would likely be financially hobbled, to downgrade from six-day delivery as well.

With surprising candor, the memo admits that privatization will cause “less job security amid inevitable loss of union protections, loss of pension benefits, higher healthcare costs and employee/wage restructuring.”

With post offices in every zip code, it’s not surprising that Wells Fargo is also looking at real estate as a major source of profit. The company estimates the real estate value for the USPS to be as much as \$88 billion. This includes “smaller post office facilities” Wells Fargo would love to sell off or lease.

Due to the broad public affection for the USPS and the unlikelihood of bipartisan support for privatization, the memo recommends a backdoor strategy of getting it done through a budget reconciliation bill. The authors also raise the possibility that Trump could replace the Postal Board of Governors with people who will implement policies “which could effectively work to accomplish some of what could be done through privatization,” such as rate increases.



APWU rally against privatization, NYC, March 20, 2025

# HANDS ~~OFF!~~

## MASSIVE COALITION EMERGES TO OPPOSE TRUMP/DOGE ATTACKS

Donald Trump and Elon Musk think this country belongs to them. They're taking everything they can get their hands on, and daring the world to stop them.

A national coalition of organizations, including MoveOn.org, Indivisible, 50501 and others are building a network for mass mobilizations to resist the billionaire’s assault. It’s called “Hands Off!” — hands off Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Public Lands, Veterans Services, Consumer Protections, Clean Air, Schools, Free Speech, LGBTQ Rights, Immigrants, Courts **AND THE POSTAL SERVICE**

By the time you read this, the April 5th national day of action may have passed. As we write, over a thousand local rallies have been organized, sure to turn out hundreds of thousands of protesters.

We encourage postal workers, their unions, and the postal public, especially veterans, seniors, small business and rural customers, to join the **HandsOff2025.com** coalition.

Joining our struggle to save the postal service with the larger struggle against the oligarch’s power grab will only strengthen our movement against privatization and the dismantling of our beloved post office.

The **FEDERAL UNIONIST NETWORK** represents federal workers, 700,000 of whom were recently stripped of their union rights and tens of thousands are losing their jobs. Their fate and those of postal workers (and all workers) are intimately connected. To join the federal worker fight-back, go to <https://www.federalunionists.net/>

**DESPITE THE SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**WE WON'T BE SILENCED!**

Scan the QR code or the link to sign the petition:

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/we-wont-be-silenced-postal-governors-must-allow-public-testimony>



**POSTAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING**

**Thurs. May 8, 1pm ET, USPS HQ in DC**

**KEEP UP ON THE LATEST FIGHTBACK!**

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