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CALL YOUR ATTORNEY GENERAL! STOP THE GREAT MAIL SLOWDOWN!

October 1st is the date the USPS implements a new mail delivery standard which will delay 39% of America's first-class letters and parcels. Letters from the west coast to the east coast (or from the east coast to the west coast) will take 5 days instead of the current 3 days.

Twenty-one state Attorneys General have submitted a detailed warning to the US Postal Service, calling out proposed mail delays: "The Proposed Changes to First-Class Mail Service Standards Would Harm the States and Cities and Their Residents", "Election Mail" and especially "Rural Residents and Low-Income Communities" Their statement can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/AGsvsUSPS>.

Time for the AGs to sue the postal service, get an injunction against the Great Mail Slowdown. Make that call today!

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New York Area Metro Postal Workers Union protesting out front of the office of Ron Bloom, chair of the Postal Board of Governors (9/23/21)

DUMP DEJOY, BOUNCE BLOOM

(from Chuck Zlatkin, Political Director, NYC Metro APWU)

Ron A. Bloom is the Chair of the Postal Board of Governors & also the Vice Chair & Managing Partner of Brookfield where he heads up their \$60 billion investment fund. Recently, the Washington Post had an expose that showed that Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has purchased \$305,000 in bonds from his boss Ron A. Bloom's company: Brookfield. DeJoy also helped give a \$125 million contract to his former company XPO Logistics from the Postal Service. ... Bloom's company also holds 1.2 million in stock in XPO Logistics.

While Bloom and DeJoy are having a time of it, the people who depend upon the Postal Service are facing a further slow down in mail delivery which begins on October 1; a twice-yearly raise in postal rates, shorter hours at post offices, elimination of transporting mail on airplanes - all mail will be transported by truck, and the closing of mail processing plants. This is done under the guise of efficiency and saving money. The real impact of the DeJoy-Bloom plan is the de facto privatization of the post office and no concern for the well-being of the American people who depend upon a public post office.

Jonathan Smith, President of the New York Metro Area Postal Union is very clear: for the public post office to survive, the current Postmaster General of the United States, Louis DeJoy must be fired immediately & Ron A. Bloom must be replaced on the Postal Board of Governors by President Biden. There can be no second term for Bloom as a Postal Governor. What is needed is for people committed to a thriving public post office to be given the responsibility of guiding the post office for generations to come. The House of Representatives must investigate the sordid financial dealings that have gone on between Louis DeJoy and his boss Ron. Bloom. The American public needs a Postal Service that is unencumbered by dirty financial deals, and leadership that is committed to fulfilling the Postal Service's mission not lining their own pockets while privatizing the post office.

Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA) said, "DeJoy and Bloom are bandits, and their conflicts of interest do nothing but harm the Postal Service and the American people."

CHICAGO LETTER CARRIERS REFUSE DARK DELIVERY



Chicago letter carriers have taken a bold stand to resist late start times and delivery in the dark... "It will have them out on the streets in the dark. If they have to do that overtime to get the mail delivered and it's dark, they are not going to do it," said Mack Julion, president of Branch 11 Chicago for the National Association of Letter Carrier. "We tell our carriers, if you need a flashlight to deliver mail then, it's time to stop delivering mail."

(excerpted from FOX 32 News 9/9/21)

CHICAGO - Postal workers say they have had enough and are staging a protest over unsafe working conditions.

The letter carriers usually start their day around 6:30 a.m. Now, in Chicago, they will start two hours later due to concerns over safety.

U.S. Postal Service employees cite the shooting of one of their own last year in broad day light on 91st and Ellis.

She was caught in the crossfire as she delivered mail. She wasn't the target, but was shot five times. She survived the shooting.

Now, letter carriers in Chicago, Evergreen Park, Cicero, Harwood Heights and Niles will work 12 hours with a later start time.

There are concerns that some areas will see even more delivery delays.

Some communities with more violence may be exempt, but the President of the National Association of Letter Carriers Local Branch 11, Mack Julion, said Chicago violence has exploded and no place is considered safe anymore.

"We are subject to everything that goes on in the community," said Julion. "They are passionate about not working at night for a reason."

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and
CLOSING the EAST DDC

Friday, October 1 - 1:00 PM at

Redmond Post Office/East DDC
7241 185th Avenue NE, Redmond

This Seattle event will ask public support to stop (1) the nationwide planned slowdown of First-class mail set to go into effect on October 1, 2021, as well as (2) the planned departure of local Mail Processing from the East Delivery Distribution Center (East DDC) located in the same facility as the Redmond Post Office. Both moves are part of Postmaster Louis DeJoy's Ten-Year Plan.

In a September 17 news release the Postal Service announced "new service standards for First-Class Mail and Periodicals" that "will increase time-in-transit standards by 1 or 2 days." Only 61 percent of First-Class Mail will be unaffected. For example, mail from Washington state being sent to the eastern United States will take five days to deliver, as opposed to the longtime three-day delivery standard.

Over 130,000 postal customers submitted comments in opposition to slower mail delivery, as part of the public comment process Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson joined Attorneys Generals from 20 other states in filing an August 20 Statement of Position opposing the slower mail standards.

The East DDC in the Redmond Facility is one of 18 nationwide that are targeted to lose their mail processing capability, which will be moved to another location. Currently letters to Redmond and neighboring communities are machine-sorted in Redmond before being given to mail carriers for delivery.

The Postal Regulatory Commission's Advisory Opinion criticized these moves, with one member pointing out that a similar change in 2012 that consolidated mail processing and slowed down the mail "promised both cost savings and service improvements" but instead resulted in permanently reduced service and negligible cost savings."



Seattle APWU Executive Board sporting "Dump DeJoy and His Ten-Year Plan" (front); "Preserve and Protect Our Public Postal Service" (back) t-shirts. Order (minimum 24, specify size) from Sawicki & Sons, (313)962-2725 (photo by Cristina David)