

**Dear President Obama,**

The Postal Service is in dire condition. Not due to declining mail volume competition from the internet, or excessive benefits and pay of employees. But because of powerful entities intent on bankrupting & privatizing the Post Office. These are the same morally corrupt institutions that created the worst economic environment since the great depression. Yes, Ebenezer Scrooge is alive and well, motivated only by Greed.

Cheap Gasoline, Electricity, Food & other Commodities along with decent Pay & Benefits, support and grow a prosperous middle class & economy. Letting Scrooge take over the Post Offices will kill competition and eliminate cheap delivery of Holiday Packages.

No institution, government or business can survive, solely by cutting service over and over again, yet this is exactly what the Postal Service is doing. 10 years ago the Postal Service, when mail volume was increasing, reduced the number of Window Clerks, creating long lines, driving customers away to UPS & FedEx. 3 years ago the Postal Service removed every stamp vending machine out of every Post Office in the country. Many Post Offices have lobbies open 24 hours, but you can not buy a stamp there after retail hours. You can travel miles down the road to a grocery store, buy a book (you can not just buy one stamp) and drive back to the Post Office to mail your letter ( you can not mail your letter at a grocery store). These are just 2 examples, out of many ways, that the Post Office has decreased service. To survive and prosper, the Post Office needs to increase and provide excellent service.

They said Radio would kill the Newspapers. They said TV would kill Radio and the Newspapers. They said the Internet would kill TV, Radio and the Newspapers. Bah Humbug, none of these are dead. They adapted, changed and survived. There is no reason why the Postal Service can not do the same.

The quality of life of the elderly and low income citizens depends on the survival of the Postal Service. A 45 cent stamp is a bargain and all they can afford. There needs to be provisions for the poor and destitute. Scrooges answer would be to "decrease the surplus population". Please don't leave them out in the cold.

Please Mr. President, veto any bill that includes cuts, closures, or allows privatization. I learned my lesson about greed. It is too late for me, but you have the power & authority to " Save The Post Office " for the American People, before its too late.

May you and your family have a Prosperous Holiday and a Happy New Year.

God bless us, everyone,  
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