

USPS Entangled and Embroiled in US BS

I don't know when the U.S. Postal Service became a political pawn, but let's set the record straight. It is not a business and it does not belong to one political party or another; it is all of ours. It is a Constitutional right for every American and it is a service; service is part of the name. It is constantly the most trusted government entity even though, contrary to some people's delusional, misguided, and misinformed beliefs, it receives no funding from the government or the taxpayers. It has been in the financial red for years thanks to the Congress imposing a burdensome retiree prefunding requirement that no other business has ever had imposed on it. The funding of retirements and benefits for people who will retire 75 years from now is ludicrous. It was not built and is not meant to be maintained as a money making business; it's meant to be a service to the American people, all American people in every nook and cranny of the US. It is a trusted and reliable service that is a benefit and a profit for all Americans, not just the ones with names like Bezos or Trump, Buffett or Bloomberg.

It delivers medications to our valuable veterans and our beloved seniors, paychecks to people of all walks of life, greeting cards for all occasions, and during these unprecedented times, necessary supplies to people in all reaches of the country. This year it will also be charged in the task of delivering the mail-in ballots and assuring the people of their safe return to be counted. That's all in addition to the normal business and personal correspondences, bill payments, catalogs, and yes, "junk mail". It provides package and mail delivery services at better prices, more often, and more reliably, than its competitors.

The USPS employs more veterans than any other business and those are the men and women that everyone in this country owes gratitude and appreciation to, not politicians unless they were also veterans. It is because of their sacrifices and their families' sacrifices that we have all of the rights that we have today. The PO provides a great middle class job for hundreds of thousands of families. Carriers look out for their customers on their routes and help in so many ways, so much so that they are trusted community figures. Postal workers are all sizes, races, genders, ages, religions, and sexualities. They are Republicans, Democrats, Green Party members, Independents, and any other political affiliation that you can think of. It is a diverse group that has worked more cohesively and effectively to consistently serve the American public better than any House, Senate, or White House combinations ever have. They work to deliver the mail under all conditions, the usual long heralded rain, snow, sleet, hail, and dark of night as well as the unusual such as natural disasters, riots, and pandemics.

There are Postal workers working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year to affordably and expeditiously deliver for the American people. They are essential employees and yet they ask for no recognition or accolades, but somehow they are now thrust to the forefront of American politics. The catchphrases "Every piece, every day" and "We deliver for you" are not just corporate slogans; they mean something to the conscientious employees of the Post Office. They are promises, commitments, and mottos of what the service should be.

Postal workers take an oath to protect the sanctity of the mail. They believe in this oath and in doing their job. They lose their job and can go to jail if they tamper with the mail. Contrary to what any media outlet or politician would like you to believe there is no way to spin this...there is not any carrier, clerk, or mail handler that would want to risk losing their livelihood and/or their freedom for any politician of any party.

The USPS should not be run by partisan appointees, should not be for sale, and should not be taken for granted. It should not be served up as the sacrificial lamb by any government official as an excuse for any failures or shortcomings. It should not be manipulated for nefarious motivations, skullduggery, or any other malarkey because of any individual or group. It should not be maligned by the media or politicians. It should be admired and revered, protected and preserved like the right to bear arms, the right to vote, and the right to a fair trial. It is a National treasure, not a dinosaur facing extinction.

The American people deserve their Constitutional right to vote and they deserve their Constitutional right to a Postal Service. They do not deserve to be served up by either political party, which have both overstayed their welcomes and outworn their usefulness. These are the facts and America deserves the facts. Do not let politicians, the media, or corporate businessmen take the "Service" out of the United States Postal Service. Let the Post Office continue to do its job like it has since 1775 which is to serve its customers...you and all Americans.

In other news:

-Congratulations and good luck to Chelsea Marucci, Rashard Duncan, and Treva Still. They have all left to pursue other interests in life and labor.

-Eli Rosado-Gonzalez has become a supervisor. I'd say congrats, but well you know, he's in management now.

-Local 308 will be supplying all members with Union face coverings; when the shipment arrives, the stewards will distribute them.

-I met with the new acting PM Chris Bruno on 8/19. He wants to keep all mail in the Valley and make it more efficient. Bosses will be held accountable and I'm sure in turn then employees will be held accountable. He particularly is focused on the AFSM prepping currently and is considering trying group leaders to help motivate and stimulate the production over there.

-Jobs to be posted 8/28...number to be determined yet. It may be a manual bid too, so keep updated.

Stay safe & Stay United, Stay Strong-

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