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The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

The members of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) would like to extend our sincere congratulations for becoming the 75th Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Our associations are diligently working together to plan and hold free, fair, accessible elections, with 40 members of NASS and 16 members of NASED serving as their state or territory's designated chief election official. This task is made even more critical during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are focusing heavily on our voters' safety, and the USPS is a critical partner for us in this effort.

In a normal year, millions of voters from every jurisdiction safely and securely register to vote, apply for and cast absentee ballots via the postal service. In five states – Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah, and Washington – every registered voter is proactively mailed a ballot. Additionally, overseas voters and our brave military service members apply for and cast their ballots by mail from countries all over the world. Election officials also send voters mailings to conduct voter registration list maintenance and use USPS's National Change of Address list to understand when voters have moved.

During this unprecedented time, however, USPS is even more critical to America's election process. Due to COVID-19, election officials have needed to adapt and adjust to meet the numerous challenges posed by the pandemic. Some of these solutions are only made possible through utilizing USPS, including making it easier for eligible voters to apply for and return absentee ballots. Voters who are impacted by the virus are seeking out these secure non-in-person voting solutions, with our members experiencing record-breaking interest.

We value your organization's commitment to facilitating democracy, from your office to the mail carriers who work with local election officials to make sure ballots arrive in time. We hope that we can count on your continued partnership and look forward to working with you and your team throughout the historic 2020 election cycle and beyond.



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Again, NASS, NASED and our members appreciate our positive working relationship with the USPS. In the interim, if you or your staff have any questions please feel free to contact Leslie Reynolds, NASS Executive Director at 202-624-3525, or reynolds@sso.org and Amy Cohen, NASED Executive Director at 240-801-6029, or acohen@nased.org.

Sincerely,

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