



U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

United States Postal Service (USPS) delivery is critical for family farmers' and ranchers' access to medication and ability to conduct business. Efforts to privatize or downsize USPS represent a major threat to North Dakota's rural communities. The Administration and Congress must work together to ensure USPS continues to provide high-quality service.

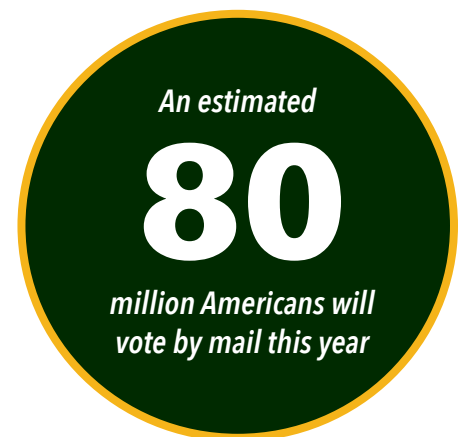
RECENT ACTIONS

Rural communities are more reliant on USPS and are hardest hit by any reductions in the agency's service. In recent months, USPS removed over 600 sorting machines and mail collection boxes and implemented other changes that caused a mail delivery slowdown. The initiatives also jeopardized USPS's ability to deliver mail-in ballots on time. These disruptions represent a long-term threat to rural postal service.

USPS FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

USPS is facing a severe funding crisis and is expected to become insolvent soon. The agency projects pandemic-related losses to total \$50 billion over the next decade. Some have tried to use this crisis as an excuse for privatizing USPS, which would lead to a reduction or the loss of service in many rural communities.

The focus of any reforms to USPS should be to improve every Americans' access to consistent, timely mail delivery. To maintain postal service in rural communities, Congress should provide the agency with critical financial support and eliminate unnecessary regulatory burdens.



What Congress can do:

- *Authorize funding and reforms that improve the consistency and timeliness of mail delivery in rural communities*
- *Oppose any efforts to privatize the Postal Service*