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(Rally outside Postal Board of Governors meeting in August, 2023. What if they had been gagged, unable to testify?)

WE WON'T BE SILENCED

The Postmaster General and Postal Board of Governors (PBOG) are gagging the American public from speaking out about the poor postal services in our communities. PMG Louis DeJoy, in addition to dismantling delivery service standards, is also dismantling long established opportunities to address the ruling Board of Governors who are responsible for the postal services provided to all Americans.

STIFFLING PUBLIC COMMENT IS UNAMERICAN

From three minutes to ninety seconds to twenty-five seconds to now NO PUBLIC COMMENT will be allowed at quarterly PBOG meetings until November, 2024.

WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO HIDE? Why silence the voice of Americans who care about the quality of mail service, long lines, increased postage, misdelivered mail and delayed mail?

The PMG's misnomer *Delivering For America plan* has been decried for the delayed mail service, nonsensical relocation of postal operations to far away distant cities. The Post Office lines are getting longer, staffing is inadequate, postage is increasing and our community postal facilities are losing postal workers. Americans have a right to have their voice heard!

VOICE YOUR PROTESTS OVER SERVICE & THE GAGS

The next scheduled meeting of PMG DeJoy and the Board of Governors is *FEB 8th 2024*. A legal protest rally is planned for that day FEB. 8th 2PM at USPS HQ 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington DC. Also a letter writing campaign is being organized to allow ALL AMERICANS to speak out about problems they are having with their post offices and mail service. We urge you to write about your issues - mail letters to:

WE WON'T BE SILENCED, PO Box 68 Hurley NY 12443 [use the template as a guide if necessary— <http://tinyurl.com/PBOGletter>]

You may also send your protests via email to: wewontbesilenced2024@gmail.com

Or send an Action Network letter to your Congressional representatives — <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/we-wont-be-silenced-postal-governors-must-allow-public-testimony/>



Join Postal Union Advocates, Community Leaders and Concerned Citizens to Keep The People's Postal Service For The People and By The People

TELL BIDEN TO SAVE THE USPS: APPOINT REP. BRENDA LAWRENCE AND SARAH ANDERSON TO THE USPS BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOW

The one year term extension of Trump appointees Donald Moak and William Zollars came to an end on December 8th. It's essential that President Biden appoint strong, diverse, and reform-oriented candidates to replace them.

The Save the Post Office Coalition has called on President Biden to nominate former Representative Brenda Lawrence and policy expert Sarah Anderson to the USPS Board of Governors. These are two public servants who will bring critical perspectives and expertise to the USPS Board of Governors — exactly when the postal service needs it the most.

Rep. Brenda Lawrence worked as a USPS employee for 30 years before she served in Congress, representing southeast Michigan, including parts of Detroit. As a member of Congress, she valiantly defended the postal service against privatization attempts, and was the only member of Congress who had been a member of the American Postal Workers Union and the National Association of Letter Carriers. Sarah Anderson is a policy expert who has written extensively on USPS and economic and financial issues, comes from a family of letter carriers.

We deserve a strong, diverse, and reform-oriented Board of Governors to hold the Postmaster General to the true mission and public service goals of the USPS.

We also need leadership with enthusiasm towards building the Postal Service of the future, who will think creatively about opportunities to expand services that will bring in new revenue like postal banking and other products, instead of narrowly focusing on service cuts and price hikes.

Tell Biden to nominate Rep. Brenda Lawrence and Sarah Anderson to the USPS Board of Governors today by adding your name now.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/usps-bog>



Postal Board of Governors Meeting

Tues. Feb. 8, 4pm ET, USPS HQ in DC

Rally outside at 2pm

Raise Wages, End High Turnover, Restore Service !

Save Local Post Offices ! Stop Mail Carrier Displacement!

JOIN THE PBOG MEETING AND WEAR A GAG !

PROTEST THE SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Sign-up to attend (one week prior) ONLY in person <https://about.usps.com/who/leadership/board-governors/briefings/>

If you plan on coming in person, let's coordinate our efforts... email wewontbesilenced2024@gmail.com



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POSTAL SERVICE HEARS BIG OUTCRY OVER PLAN TO MOVE MAIL PROCESSING OUT OF WYOMING

Cowboy State Daily, December 27, 2023

One thing is for certain: Wyoming is not going down without a fight. The Postal Service's plan to move mail processing and distribution to other states is getting big pushback from Wyoming residents and the bureaucrats are hearing it.

Working behind the scenes, Ricci Roberts, branch president of the Cheyenne mail handling unit, believes the public outcry, after it was announced Cheyenne's mail service is being downgraded, is beginning to gain some traction.

The U.S. Postal Service earlier this month announced a proposal to downgrade Cheyenne's mail processing from a processing and distribution center, and moving that work to Denver. Cheyenne would remain open, but transition to a local processing unit instead of being its own distribution center. Similar changes are proposed at a later time for Casper, with that mail processing moving to Billings instead.

The changes would leave the Cowboy State without a processing and distribution center, despite the fact it's on a growth track with new businesses coming in across the state...

In a Facebook post, Roberts wrote that the public's efforts have been "VERY instrumental and helpful," prompting a number of Wyoming officials to take notice...

Lummis said Wyoming has already seen an example of how these proposed changes will go, when western Wyoming's mail sorting activities were transferred from Rock Springs to Salt Lake City.

"Since then, mail services have been severely impacted," she wrote. "And deliveries are often delayed by weeks."

Lummis also blasted the Postal Service for what has largely been an opaque process, one that hasn't included answers to the questions that people have.

At a recent forum to gather public comments, postal officials even told the attendees the forum's focus was on collecting comments from the public, not answering questions. No forum has yet been set for answering any of the questions that the public has...



Milwaukee, Wisconsin letter carriers November 5th protest over wages, hours, and working conditions

PMG Louis DeJoy is rolling out a massive consolidation of postal facilities into large Sorting and Delivery Centers, which will displace letter carriers from their local post offices, excess clerks and disrupt retail service.

Currently none of the national postal unions nor any Congressional committees are calling for national hearings on this Sorting & Delivery Center transformation. So, it's up to us to build pressure to slow, pause or stop this bad plan.

Do you live or work in one of the first 200 towns scheduled to be hit by this massive disruption in the next six months?

Find the list here –

[savethepostoffice.com](https://www.savethepostoffice.com)

Here's a guide to organizing a townhall from APWU

<https://tinyurl.com/PostalTownMeeting>

Let us know what you're doing –

email us at cpwunited1@gmail.com



'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!' MILWAUKEE USPS WORKERS HOLD RALLY TO PROTEST HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENTS

MILWAUKEE (CBS 58, Nov. 5, 2023) -- A hostile work environment, wage thefts, and unfair disciplinary actions are just some of the working conditions that Milwaukee USPS workers claimed on Sunday they've faced for years.

Dozens joined forces outside of the post office on W. St. Paul Ave. in downtown Milwaukee for a rally Nov. 5, with many holding signs and chanting.

"Basically, we're asking to be treated with basic human dignity," said letter carrier Travis Albert, who co-hosted the event. "I'm a union steward -- carriers come to me daily, red-faced and shaking, often on the verge of tears or in tears; I've been in disciplinary hearings where carriers have expressed suicidal thoughts out loud all in regard to the workplace conditions."

Albert told CBS 58 the goal of the rally was to shed light on what workers have been forced to deal with, adding that "enough is enough."

"We've had numerous assaults out on the street, and we feel like those have not been taken seriously," Albert said. "We even have a hard time getting management to answer the phones whenever there's an emergency situation."

That, plus claims of wage thefts of employees...

Multiple city leaders also came out to show support at the rally.

"Every person at work is entitled to and should get safety on the job," said Supervisor Ryan Clancy of Milwaukee's 4th District.

Pam Fendt, the president of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, agreed, noting that "the issues you are facing are very serious and they need to be brought to light."

(American Postal Workers Union first large union to call for a ceasefire) STATEMENT FROM APWU GENERAL OFFICERS ON THE CONFLICT IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE November 8, 2023

The American Postal Workers Union is shocked and saddened by the tragic and ongoing violence in Israel and Palestine. As working people, we stand with the oppressed and the innocent, thousands of whom have lost their lives in the last month.

As a union that stands for equality, social justice, human and labor rights, and international solidarity, we unite with unions and people of goodwill around the world in calls for justice and peace.

We unreservedly condemn the Hamas violence of October 7, which killed over 1,000 Israeli civilians and saw the kidnapping of more than 200 people.

However, Israel's response has made the prospects for peace more remote. Over 10,000 innocent civilians, including 4000 children, have been killed by the relentless and indiscriminate bombing campaign on Gaza. Israel has shut off the flow of food, water, fuel and medical supplies to the Gaza Strip, a war crime. A humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding every day in Gaza. Thousands more innocent civilians stand to die wholly preventable deaths.

We call on our government, which is the primary foreign benefactor of the Israeli government, to use all its power to protect innocent lives and to help bring about peace in the region, and not use our tax dollars for more war.

We join the calls for an immediate ceasefire, the release of hostages, and urgently needed massive humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza. The cries of humanity demand nothing less.

APWU General Officers: President, Mark Dimondstein; Executive Vice President, Debby Szeredy; Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth 'Liz' Powell.