In the face of aggressive attacks, a wide range of national and local organizations have come together to create A Grand Alliance to Save Our Public Postal Service. These organizations are united in the demand that the public good must not be sacrificed for the sake of private investment and profit. A strong public Postal Service is our democratic right. A Grand Alliance is fighting to protect and enhance vibrant public postal services now—and for many generations to come.
The United States Postal Service is a wonderful national treasure, enshrined in the Constitution and supported by the American people. Without any taxpayer funding, the USPS serves 150 million households and businesses each day, providing affordable, universal mail service to all—including rich and poor, rural and urban, without regard to age, nationality, race or gender.

The U.S. Postal Service belongs to “We, the People.” But the USPS and postal jobs are threatened by narrow monied interests aimed at undermining postal services and dismantling this great public institution.

Even some postal executives have been complicit in the drive toward the destruction of the Postal Service and ultimate privatization: They have slowed mail service, closed community based Post Offices and mail processing facilities, slashed hours of operations, tried ceaselessly to end six-day service as well as door to door delivery, and eliminated hundreds of thousands of living wage jobs.

Good postal jobs are vital to strong, healthy communities, and have provided equal opportunities and the foundation for financial stability for workers from all walks of life, including racial and ethnic minorities, women and veterans. Postal services are essential to commerce and bind together families, friends and loved ones. In the day of e-commerce, a public postal service is as relevant as ever.

Yet those corporate forces who want to privatize public services allege that curtailing postal services and eliminating jobs are necessary due to diminishing mail volume and “burdensome” union wages and benefits. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In reality, a Congressionally-manufactured USPS “crisis” imposed an unfair crushing financial mandate on the Postal Service that no other government agency or private company is forced to bear. (The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 compels the USPS to pay approximately $5.5 billion per year to fund future retiree healthcare costs 75 years in advance.) Without this unreasonable burden, the USPS would have enjoyed an operating surplus of $600 million in 2013 and over $1.4 Billion in 2014.

The people of this country deserve great public postal services. We advocate expanded services, such as non-profit postal banking and other financial services. We call on the Postmaster General and Postal Board of Governors to strengthen and champion the institution.

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KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT OUR PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE

OUR U.S. POSTAL SERVICE IS UNDER ATTACK

Our great national treasure is under attack and mail service to the American people is suffering.

- Congress manufactured the Postal Service’s financial problems in 2006 by requiring the USPS to pre-fund retiree healthcare costs 75 years into the future.
- USPS has cut service by lowering service standards, delaying all mail, reducing door-to-door delivery, and closing more than 140 mail processing plants.
- Six-day delivery is constantly under threat.

IS POSTAL PRIVATIZATION A DANGER?

Many on Wall Street and in Congress are eager to dismantle the Postal Service so they can turn over the profitable segments to private industry.

- USPS management has proposed wholesale subcontracting of its transportation operations.
- Outsourcing retail work to private companies like Staples further degrades service.
- Despite their denials, the USPS continues to privatize postal services in a piecemeal fashion.

HAS THE POSTAL SERVICE BECOME IRRELEVANT?

Contrary to what you may have heard, the internet isn’t making the world’s largest postal system irrelevant.

- Package delivery has skyrocketed, including delivery of approximately 30% of FedEx’s total U.S. ground volume every day.
- In 2016, the USPS delivered nearly 154 billion pieces of mail to 156 million addresses – all without any of your tax dollars.
- If it were a private-sector company, the U.S. Postal Service would rank 39th in the Fortune 500, with operating revenue of $71.4 billion in fiscal year 2016.

JOIN A GRAND ALLIANCE

You can help ensure we have a vibrant public Postal Service for generations to come. Take action today:

- Watch our inspiring videos featuring Danny Glover and Willie Nelson at AGrandAlliance.org.
- Become a national or local signatory organization
- Sign the pledge today at AGrandAlliance.org
- Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @agrandalliance
- Send us a note to info@agrandalliance.org or to PO Box 34273, Washington, DC 20043
We are a broad coalition of national, state, and local organizations representing people from many different communities. We are taking a stand against unprecedented assaults on our national treasure by those who seek to dismantle and privatize it. We believe a strong public Postal Service is our democratic right and are fighting to protect and enhance these services for now and for many generations to come.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

A. Philip Randolph Institute  
AFL-CIO  
Alliance for Democracy  
Alliance for Retired Americans  
Amalgamated Transit Union  
American Federation of Government Employees  
American Federation of School Administrators  
AFSCME  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Postal Workers Union and Auxiliary  
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance  
Black Women’s Roundtable  
Catholic Labor Network  
Center for Community Change Action  
Center for Media and Democracy  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Center for Study of Responsive Law  
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Color of Change  
CommonSpark  
Communications Workers of America  
Communities and Postal Workers United  
Congressional Black Caucus  
Congressional Hispanic Caucus  
Consumer Action  
Democracy for America  
Essential Information  
Family Farm Defenders  
Farm Aid  
Farm Labor Organizing Committee  
Gamaliel Network  
Greenpeace USA  
Healthcare-NOW!  
Hightower Lowdown  
In the Public Interest  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Interfaith Worker Justice  
International Association of Fire Fighters  
Jewish Labor Committee  
Jobs With Justice  
Labor Campaign for Single Payer Healthcare  
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement  
Ms. Foundation for Women  
NAACP  
National Action Network  
National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees  
National Association of Letter Carriers  
National Association of Postal Supervisors  
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation  
National Consumers League  
National Council of Churches  
National Education Association  
National Farmers Union  
National Nurses United  
National Organization for Women  
National Postal Mail Handlers Union  
National Rural Letter Carriers’ Association  
New Progressive Alliance  
9to5  
People Demanding Action  
People for the American Way  
People’s Action  
Popular Resistance  
Pride at Work  
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.  
Public Citizen  
Railroad Workers United  
Rainbow PUSH Coalition  
Service Employees International Union  
Sierra Club  
Social Security Works  
United For A Fair Economy  
United Students Against Sweatshops  
VoteVets Action Fund  
Working America

All national and local signatories are listed at AGrandAlliance.org

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