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Good afternoon,

Let me thank all of the postal workers who are here today for the incredible work you do each and every day. I am very proud to stand in strong solidarity with you.

What I know, and what all of you here today know, is that Postal Service workers throughout this country are sick and tired of working incredibly long hours for inadequate wages. They are sick and tired of being forced to prioritize Amazon packages over important mail Americans need like prescription drugs, credit card statements, and Social Security checks.

Sadly and unacceptably, instead of listening to your concerns, what is Postmaster General Louis DeJoy doing? He is making it harder for Postal Workers and the American people to voice these concerns by shutting down public debate. That has got to change.

Two years ago, Congress did the right thing by providing \$50 billion in financial relief to the Postal Service over the next decade. And what has Mr. DeJoy done with that money? Has he used it to speed up mail delivery, increase jobs, improve service and make work safer? No. Instead, the Postmaster General is working overtime to undermine and dismantle the Postal Service piece by piece. That cannot be allowed to continue.

So today, I say to Mr. DeJoy: Stop slowing down mail delivery, speed it up.

End your plan to consolidate mail processing plants.

End your plan to eliminate jobs at the Postal Service, start hiring more workers and fully staff it.

Perhaps most importantly, listen to the rank-and-file postal workers who are here today, who love what they do, and who are fighting to save the Postal Service. They know better than anyone else how to fix the Postal Service.

Stop stifling debate. There needs to be more public discussion about the future of the Postal Service, not less.

And, if you are unwilling or unable to make those needed improvements, then it is time for you to go.

We need a Postmaster General who will protect and strengthen the Postal Service, not sabotage and destroy it. It is long past time for the Postmaster General to treat Postal Service workers with the respect and the dignity they deserve.

Sincerely,



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