

RETIREE NEWS

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Stop the White House Plan to Privatize the USPS *(Reprinted American Postal Worker Flyer)*

What Does Privatization Mean?

- Privatization means the end of our publicly owned and operated United States Postal Service, to be replaced in part or in whole by private corporate interests.
- Privatization means the elimination of our jobs with all of our negotiated benefits. Further, it jeopardizes the future of our hard-earned retirement and healthcare benefits.
- Privatization means the end of Universal Service.

What Is Universal Service? Universal Service is the key difference between our public United States Postal Service and any private company intended to replace it. Universal Service is the Postal Service's mandate to, "bind the nation together through the personal, educational, literary and business correspondence of the people." Fulfilling its mission enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, the Postal Service provides affordable, reliable, and timely mail service to all Americans regardless of their health or wealth, who they are or where they live.

Universal Service is not a mission a private corporation will adhere to. Driven by its profit motive, a private company will not deliver a letter from Miami to Anchorage for 55 cents.

The Stakes Privatizing the Postal Service and eliminating its Universal Service mandate will have a very real and very negative impact on those who depend on affordable, reliable mail delivery. It means cuts to service for millions of Americans, particularly those in rural areas and inner cities. As the White House Report highlights, privatization can mean hiked postage rates and the end of timely service and door delivery.

This White House plan is a wake-up call to every postal worker and APWU member. The threats of postal privatization, the threats to decent union jobs, the threats to good services, are real.

The American Postal Workers Union stands with the people of this country and our many allies in the ongoing fight to ensure a vibrant public Postal Service for generations to come.

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