

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 3, 2026

The Honorable David Steiner
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Dear Postmaster General Steiner:

Under your leadership, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has been transformed into a partisan instrument of voter suppression. You have allowed this institution — trusted for more than two centuries to deliver mail without regard to party or politics — to be pressed into service implementing an Executive Order that federal courts have twice held violates the Constitution. I am calling on the Postal Service Board of Governors to remove you as Postmaster General, and I will urge my colleagues on the Committee to join that call.

On March 31, 2026, President Trump signed an executive order directing USPS to withhold delivery of mail ballots to voters whose eligibility could not be confirmed against a federally compiled voter list. Within days, twenty-three states and the District of Columbia filed suit challenging the order as an unconstitutional usurpation of authority the Constitution reserves to the states and to Congress. A federal district court in Massachusetts blocked key portions of the order, and on July 25, 2026, the First Circuit panel upheld that injunction. Rather than comply, the Administration on July 27 filed an emergency application asking the Supreme Court to allow the order to take effect before the November midterm elections, with a dozen Republican-led states joining that request.

The Administration's own filing presents a troubling contradiction. In urging the Supreme Court to allow immediate implementation, the Department of Justice characterized the Executive Order as merely "general policy guidance" and acknowledged that USPS has not finalized any implementing regulations. Yet USPS's apparent implementation efforts over the past four months tell a different story. Congress and the American people deserve a full accounting of those efforts.

The Administration continues to justify the order by invoking the risk of ineligible or fraudulent mail voting. That risk does not match the evidence. Noncitizen voting is already a federal crime, and a November 2025 Brookings Institution analysis of the 2016 through 2022 general elections found roughly four proven cases of mail-voting fraud for every 10 million mail ballots cast. Even accounting for reports this month of approximately 400 improper ballots cast by non-citizens in New Jersey, independent reporting confirms that improper voting remains exceedingly rare and that the Administration has not produced evidence of fraud on a scale capable of affecting an election outcome. Disenfranchising millions of eligible voters — including military personnel serving overseas, seniors, rural voters, individuals with disabilities, and working families — is not a proportionate response to fraud rates of this magnitude.

For months, I have sought information about USPS's implementation of this Executive Order. You have failed to respond to multiple requests for information. When you appeared before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs, you confirmed your intention to carry out key aspects of the Executive Order despite ongoing litigation. And after declining to answer these questions in writing, you also refused to respond to my request to appear voluntarily before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to explain your actions. That pattern of obstruction leaves only one conclusion: enough is enough.

Because USPS's posture toward implementation may bear directly on the "irreparable harm" the Administration is now asking the Supreme Court to prevent, I renew and expand my request for information. Please provide complete responses to the following no later than August 13, 2026:

1. Describe, in detail and with supporting documentation, every implementation activity USPS has undertaken pursuant to the Executive Order to date, including any activity undertaken after the district court's injunction and after the First Circuit's July 25 ruling.
2. Identify all guidance, training materials, or instructions issued to postal employees, contractors, or mail processing facilities regarding the handling of election mail under the Executive Order.
3. State whether and how USPS has communicated with state or local election officials regarding implementation, including any communications regarding the voter eligibility lists referenced in the order.
4. Describe, specifically, what implementation-related work has continued, been paused, or been abandoned while litigation remains pending, and reconcile that description with the Department of Justice's July 27 representation to the Supreme Court that the order is merely "general policy guidance" and that no regulations have been finalized.
5. State whether USPS has suspended, delayed, or modified any implementation activity because of the injunctions issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts or the First Circuit's July 25 ruling, and if not, explain why not.

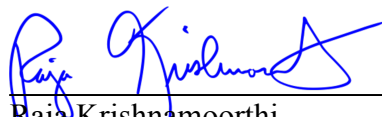
A Postmaster General who will not tell Congress whether his agency is complying with a federal court order, and who will not appear to answer for that silence, has already forfeited the trust the office requires. I am therefore calling on the Postal Service Board of Governors to remove you as Postmaster General, and I will urge my colleagues on the Committee to join that call. Regardless of the Board's action, I expect complete, responsive answers to the questions above no later than August 13, 2026.

The Postal Service has earned the public's trust over more than two centuries by faithfully delivering the mail — including election mail — without regard to party or politics. That trust depends on transparency, adherence to the law, and respect for the constitutional role that states and Congress, not the Postal Service or the Executive Branch, play in administering our elections. It also depends on a Postmaster General who answers to Congress instead of ignoring it. I appreciate your prompt and complete response.

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Sincerely,



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