

United States Senate

October 31, 2024

The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster DeJoy,


I write with serious concerns regarding the United States Postal Service's (USPS) ability to ensure timely processing and delivery of election mail in Montana as Election Day rapidly approaches. Thousands of Montanans vote by absentee mail each election, and the USPS doing its job is vital to ensuring they can fulfill their patriotic duty by making their voices heard.

My office is fielding complaints from across the state from concerned citizens who have not yet received their absentee ballot. Constituents made complaints about ballots sitting in postal facilities for several days without proceeding to the correct elections office. I have worked tirelessly to ensure these concerns have been addressed and handled for Montana voters. All that to say, with just a few days before the election, many Montanans are rightly concerned about the status of their ballot.

The right to vote is a cornerstone of American democracy and every eligible Montanan and American must have access to the polls. Many rural Montanans may live many miles from the nearest polling location or may face inclement weather and treacherous roads on Election Day. While I appreciate the efforts of local clerks and carriers who are working longer hours to help process the increased mail load at this important time, I urge you to resolve the issues my constituents raised so they can exercise their Constitutional right to vote in this consequential election.

As we near November 5th, it is paramount that you provide clear communication to Montana voters regarding their ability to vote by mail and continue to work to address any concerns that may arise. I appreciate your forthcoming response outlining the steps you are taking to address these issues.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator

