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Stop USPS From Gatekeeping Mail-In Ballots

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Issue: USPS Mail Ballot Rule - Voter Data Demands

Subject Line Options

- The Postmaster General Just Told Congress He'll Block Your Ballot
- A Judge Already Said This Is Unconstitutional. Congress Must Finish the Job.
- Your Vote by Mail Should Not Depend on Your State's Politics

Dear [Representative/Senator] [Last Name],

Mail voting is not a federal favor. It is how millions of Americans have safely cast a ballot for more than 150 years. Congress must not let that be conditioned on a state handing its voter rolls to this administration.

On June 24, 2026, Postmaster General David Steiner told the Senate Homeland Security Committee that under a proposed USPS rule, the Postal Service will not deliver mail-in ballots from any state that refuses to provide the federal government its list of absentee voters. Senator Gary Peters asked him directly. "Under our proposed regulation? No," Steiner said. The rule implements an executive order President Trump signed in March 2026 directing USPS to demand state voter lists and unique ballot-tracking barcodes before delivering federal election mail.

A federal judge in Boston has already blocked key parts of that executive order for this year's election, ruling that the President's directives to USPS and the Department of Homeland Security violate the separation of powers. The administration is expected to appeal. That a sitting Postmaster General is still confirming implementation plans for a rule a federal court has called unconstitutional should alarm every member of Congress — regardless of party.

This goes further than ballots. The Department of Justice has admitted in federal court that it intends to share state voter registration data with the Department of Homeland Security, to run it through DHS's SAVE citizenship-check system — without issuing the public Privacy Act notices the law requires before that kind of data sharing occurs. The National Association of Letter Carriers has warned that the rule would force mail carriers themselves to decide, ballot by ballot, whose mail gets delivered.

There are concrete things Congress can do right now:

- Publicly oppose the USPS rule and state plainly that mail delivery cannot be conditioned on a state surrendering its voter rolls

- Support legislation barring USPS from withholding lawfully mailed election materials based on a state's voter-data decisions
- Demand that DOJ and DHS publicly confirm whether the Privacy Act notices required before this data-sharing plan even exist
- Use oversight authority to call Postmaster General Steiner back before Congress to explain how this rule was developed and at whose direction

I urge you to reflect on the concerns of your constituents, and I expect a public statement within a defined timeframe clearly outlining your position on this issue, the specific actions you will take, and your concrete commitments — including how and when you will use your legislative authority to stop this rule before the November election.

The right to vote by mail should never depend on a state's willingness to hand its voter rolls to the federal government. Congress must act now.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[City, State]

[ZIP Code]

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