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MEDIA ALERT

Council Members send letter requesting USPS be fully funded, restore service cut backs

Members of the Common Council today (**Friday, August 21**) sent a letter (**attached**) to Wisconsin Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson addressing funding questions and recent cutbacks made by the United States Postal Service.

The letter, spearheaded by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**, states in part: “As you are well aware, the United States Postal Service has been in the news as major cost-cutting measures were put into motion without notice, before the end of the agency’s fiscal year. Many elected officials and groups have raised concerns about this, particularly because of the profound impact it could have on the November 3rd election as the number of mail-in ballots is sure to be substantial.”

The letter continues: “Residents across Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the country have been documenting their struggles with mail delivery and how it has impacted their daily life. Some of these issues include rent checks and bill payments not being received on time, mail-order medication coming late, and small business owners losing customers over orders not being received as promised, among other problems.”

In addition to Alderwoman Coggs the letter was signed by Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Mark Borkowski, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Scott Spiker, Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II.

Alderwoman Coggs has also introduced a communication file requesting the United States Postal Service discuss with the Council the impact of current and future changes to service delivery. The file will be heard at a future meeting of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee.

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The Honorable Senator Tammy Baldwin
The Honorable Senator Ron Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Baldwin and Johnson:

As you are well aware, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has been in the news as major cost-cutting measures were put into motion without notice, before the end of the agency's fiscal year. Many elected officials and groups have raised concerns about this, particularly because of the profound impact it could have on the November 3rd election as the number of mail-in ballots is sure to be substantial.

Thankfully, the Postmaster General suspended further cutbacks until after the election, but it remains unclear whether actions taken to remove sorting equipment and to slow mail delivery will be reversed or addressed.

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As such, we urge you to support restoring USPS services and to fully fund the agency moving forward, both for the sake of this upcoming election, and for the citizens across the country that heavily rely on timely mail delivery.

Sincerely,



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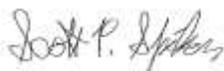
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