

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

January 22, 2025

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

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy,

As wildfires continue to devastate Los Angeles County, we are writing to respectfully request additional resources for Los Angeles area post offices to address ongoing delays and better support our constituents. Timely mail delivery is essential for our constituents' recovery and rebuilding efforts. Since January 7, 2025, several wildfires in the greater Los Angeles region have destroyed thousands of homes and businesses, displaced tens of thousands of residents, and tragically taken at least 27 lives. Thousands of people remain under evacuation orders and cannot return to their homes.

Currently, four postal offices that provide retail and delivery services are being rerouted to temporary locations¹. This has resulted in postal offices being overwhelmed as they are not equipped to handle the magnitude of rerouted mail. Impacted residents now face delays in receiving their deliveries and long lines at post offices that can take hours just to get important things like drivers' licenses, important documents, prescription medications, and other essentials.

Those who are already facing great loss should not be met with additional barriers as they try to rebuild their lives. These wildfires have caused heartbreaking loss for Californians, and we urge you to assist our communities in recovering as quickly as possible. We respectfully request that you allocate additional resources and increase staffing to U.S. Postal Service operations in the greater Los Angeles region to mitigate delays and assist our postal workers in serving our communities effectively.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your assistance in addressing this issue as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress
30th District of California



Judy Chu
Member of Congress
28th District of California

¹ <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/local-releases/ca/2025/0114-usps-update-on-southern-california-operations-as-of-jan-14-2025.htm>