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Statement on Today's Preliminary Injunction Protecting Operation of United States Postal Service and Integrity of Voting

Fair and Just Prosecution Executive Director Miriam Krinsky released the following statement regarding the nationwide preliminary injunction issued today by Stanley A. Bastian, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington, in the case brought against Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and President Donald J. Trump by the Attorneys General of Washington, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin:

“Voting is a constitutional right and, ultimately, a public trust and safety issue. Efforts to interfere with the United States Postal Service imperil the democratic process and erode confidence in the integrity of our government systems.

Today's injunction rectifies deeply concerning actions by Postmaster General DeJoy and the Trump Administration that seek to undermine the ability of voters to participate in the 2020 General Election. Recent USPS changes (both implemented and proposed) – including instructing mail carriers to leave mail behind, prohibiting return trips for mail, decommissioning mail sorting machines, and reducing postal office hours – have already demonstrably impeded the ability of the U.S. Postal Service to deliver mail in a timely manner.

The integrity of our democracy is essential to promoting public safety. When communities do not trust their elected leaders and the operation of government, they cannot trust that the rule of law will prevail. That puts us *all* at risk. Today's ruling is a win for democracy and for the American people.

We applaud the court's decision and the efforts by bold Attorneys General around our nation to protect the fundamental rights of American citizens and thereby promote confidence in the operation of our democracy.”

For more, read the recent [joint statement](#) by 79 elected prosecutors and law enforcement leaders condemning the Trump Administration's efforts to erode confidence in voting by mail and interfere with fair and free elections.

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