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Adams to speak at 10 AM Tuesday at USPS Office in Uptown Charlotte

CHARLOTTE – Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12), who was the first Member of Congress to call on Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to resign or be removed, is holding a press conference about the crisis at the US Postal Service.

Who: Congresswoman Alma Adams
What: "Don't Mess with USPS" Press Conference
Where: US Post Office, 201 N. McDowell St., Charlotte, NC 28204
When: 10:00 AM Tuesday August 18

PRESS: Please RSVP via email to sam.spencer@mail.house.gov.

This press conference builds upon the leadership and advocacy of **Rep. Adams and others:**

On Saturday, Rep. Adams participated in a virtual panel discussion and community meeting entitled, "A Postal Crisis, a New Postmaster General, and the Looming Threat to the November Election," with Mark Dimondstein, National President of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU).

Last week, **Adams, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney** and 172 other House Democrats [sent a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy](#). In the letter the Members of Congress write, "*The Postal Service motto states, 'Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.' Let us keep the promise provided for in the Constitution to the American people.*"

Adams Press Clips:

CBC Radio Canada: Alma Adams says "U.S. President Donald Trump is targeting the U.S. Postal Service to make it harder for people to vote by mail in the upcoming presidential election. At the heart of those concerns are cost-cutting measures implemented by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, who has donated \$2.7 million US to Trump and his fellow Republicans since 2017, and comments made by the president himself alleging, without evidence, that mail-in ballots lead to election fraud."

Washington Post: "DeJoy ushered a wholesale reorganization of agency's executive ranks, restructured operations and instituted a hiring freeze on top of other cost-cutting measures already being blamed for significant mail backups. **Two House Democrats, Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (Ore.) and Rep. Alma Adams (N.C.), called for DeJoy's removal over the weekend.**"

Raleigh News & Observer: "North Carolina Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, a Democrat representing Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, **has helped lead the Congressional resistance to DeJoy's changes.** Last week, she called for the postmaster to resign."

Vice: "Senator Elizabeth Warren asked 'How many ways can the new Postmaster General sabotage the USPS?' In a press release, Congresswoman Alma Adams of North Carolina and Congressman Peter DeFazio of Oregon called for DeJoy to resign or be removed from office."

Salon: "an investigation would not be enough for some Democrats, who have called for DeJoy to step down."

Fort Worth Star-Telegram: "Democrats have expressed concerns about the impact of mail delays on the election after newly appointed postmaster general and Republican donor Louis DeJoy implemented changes to operations, froze hiring, and reorganized executive ranks... Democratic Reps. Peter A. DeFazio of Oregon and Alma Adams of North Carolina called for removing DeJoy."

WFAE (NPR): "'The mail is piling up, and the moves that he has made and the changes that he has made have really created problems in terms of our mail not getting out,' Adams said. **'I think it's a move to really dismantle the post office but also more than to disrupt this election.'**"

Charlotte Post: "**U.S. Rep. Alma Adams wants Postmaster General Louis DeJoy returned to sender ...** The Postal Service has come under fire from Trump recently as voting rights advocates push for more absentee ballot access due to coronavirus concerns. Trump contends voting by mail – which he's done in the past – is open to fraud."

Greensboro News & Record: "DeJoy has engineered an unconstitutional assault on our Postal Service from within the organization itself,' said U.S. Rep. Alma Adams, a Democrat who represents the Charlotte area."

Triad City Beat: "On Aug. 8, the morning after the announced organizational restructuring at the Postal Service – characterized by some as a 'Friday night massacre' – some Democratic lawmakers reacted with fury, calling for DeJoy's resignation or removal. 'The United States Postal Service was established by our Constitution, and this year it will play an unprecedented role in guaranteeing our right to vote,' Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC) said in a press release."

This Month:

- On August 8, Rep. Adams was **[the first Member of Congress to call for the Postmaster General's removal or resignation.](#)**
- Reps. Adams and DeFazio **[led a letter](#)** with 130 of their colleagues requesting strong support for USPS in federal COVID-19 relief legislation.

- Afterwards, **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)** and **Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY)** [sent a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy](#) calling for the reversal of recently instituted operational changes made within the Postal Service.
- Adams [spoke with Spectrum News](#) to warn of USPS delays and was [quoted in the Charlotte Observer](#) about problems facing the Post Office.
- Adams penned an [op-ed in QCity Metro](#) that mentioned the threat to the election posed by the dismantling of USPS.
- Adams showed [consistent support](#) for absentee voting and vote-by-mail through the Post Office.
- Finally, Adams [joined a bipartisan letter](#) to the Postmaster General, which read, *“It is vital that the U.S. Postal Service not reduce mail delivery times, which could harm rural communities, seniors, small businesses, and millions of Americans who rely on the mail for critical letters and packages. Eliminating overtime and directing postal workers to leave mail on the floor of postal facilities will erode confidence in the Postal Service and drive customers away, resulting in even worse financial conditions in the future.”*

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina’s 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee.

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