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## **During the 116th Congress, Alma Adams** Led on USPS Issues

WASHINGTON, D.C. -In 2020, Representative Alma S. **Adams**, **Ph.D.** (NC-12) was one of the leading Congressional voices on the United States Postal Service, especially regarding the mismanagement of the cherished American institution by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy.

"The United States Postal Service was established by our Constitution, and is one of our most beloved institutions. This year it played an unprecedented role in the lives of Americans, delivering essential packages and medicines, as well as safeguarding our right to vote," **said Congresswoman Adams**. "However, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's sabotage of our Postal Service demonstrated a complete disregard for the institution's promise of the 'safe and speedy transit of the mail' and the 'prompt delivery of its contents.' I hope that will end during the Biden-Harris Administration. There is nothing that can replace USPS; that's why I spent 2020 working to preserve and protect our United States Postal Service."

Adams' postal work in 2020 includes:

- Passing her second Post Office naming bill, this time in honor of Civil Rights Attorney Julius Chambers.
- Publishing a 5-point-plan for the future of USPS in the Harvard Law School Journal on Legislation.
- Being the first member of Congress to call for the resignation or removal of Postmaster General DeJoy in the wake of unprecedented sabotage to USPS operations.
- Leading a letter to the Office of the Inspector General

1 of 3 12/10/20, 11:43 AM <u>calling for an investigation into the impact of DeJoy's operational changes on postal slowdowns during the weeks leading up to the election.</u>

- Hosting a "Don't Mess with USPS" Press Conference.
- <u>Leading efforts in the House to support USPS in pandemic relief packages</u>.
- <u>Supporting the Delivering for America Act to return USPS to normal operations.</u>
- <u>Pushing the North Carolina Congressional delegation to support USPS in COVID-19 relief packages</u>.
- <u>Penning an op-ed in support of protecting voting by</u> mail.
- <u>Leading a week of advocacy for USPS.</u>

"Throughout the pandemic, Postal Service employees have consistently risked their own health and safety to report to complete their appointed rounds and serve as a crucial lifeline to millions of Americans nationwide," **said Sam Spencer, Communications Director to Rep. Adams.** "Meanwhile, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has consistently and repeatedly undermined the efforts of the more than 600,000 Postal Service employees, some of our most essential workers during this pandemic. Thankfully, Rep. Adams has been there to fight for USPS employees and the cherished institution itself during one of the hardest years on record for the postal service. When presents arrive on time this holiday season, it will be in no small part due to Rep. Adams' hard work."

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. She is a leader on Postal Service issues in the House of Representatives, and she was the first Member of Congress to call on Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to resign.

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