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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer;

I write to urge you to take up the Postal Service Reform Act (H.R. 3076) immediately. Yesterday, the House of Representatives passed this legislation to improve the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) financial stability, strengthen transparency and accountability, and codify a 6-day-a-week delivery standard. Although the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic exacerbated existing strains on USPS, it also highlighted the critical value of postal services to Coloradans and the American people.

As you know, this bill was developed in a bipartisan process to help USPS continue, and eventually improve, postal services across the country. Improved financial stability would allow USPS to make significant savings over the next 10 years. Further, the additional transparency components would provide public confidence in USPS service and promote compliance with on-time mail delivery. Ultimately, this bill is a first step toward allowing USPS to develop and execute plans for strategic investments and facility upgrades throughout the country.

For more than a year, my office has heard increasing frustration and significant concerns about USPS delivery and facilities in rural and mountain communities in Colorado. We have heard about inconsistent and unreliable delivery service; the need for larger facilities to manage increased customer and parcel traffic; understaffed facilities resulting in reduced post office hours or sporadic closures, and a shortage of parcel lockers. All of these issues result in poor, late, or non-delivery of essential mail for Coloradans in these communities.

Coloradans depend on reliable and effective postal services for mail order medical prescriptions; federal assistance documents; bills; and to mail electoral ballots. Working to address these challenges facing USPS is vital to ensure that Coloradans and Americans can continue to recover from COVID-19, and preserve access to delivery and mail services.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senator