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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, and Leader McCarthy:

As mayors from across the nation, we write to underscore the importance of maintaining the integrity of our elections through a robust vote-by-mail system, and we support legislative action to ensure that the United States Postal Service can support that system.

Being able to vote and have that vote counted are essential to maintaining and preserving our democracy. Voting stands as one of the most important rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens. The news of recent changes to the U.S. Postal Service's delivery process, coupled with the Administration's decision to withhold funding, is alarming and should be of grave concern to us all, particularly with the General Election only months away. While the Postmaster General's actions to reverse these policies earlier this week were a positive step, we must be vigilant and relentless when it comes to a fair election, especially during these challenging times. The spread of the Coronavirus has already created challenges and uncertainty around our local, state and national electoral processes. We cannot afford further disruption.

At our Annual Meeting in June, the U.S. Conference of Mayors passed two critical resolutions supporting safe and accessible elections and voting by mail. The Conference supports national efforts to increase voter participation and safeguard the integrity of our electoral system. Further, it strongly encourages the federal government, states and localities to expand opportunities for voting by mail in advance of the November 3, 2020 national election and thereafter. Given the current and unprecedented public health crisis, we recognize that voting by mail provides a way for citizens to exercise their constitutional rights and responsibilities, without endangering their health and that of their communities.

America's mayors urge you to take needed actions immediately to ensure that all of our citizens have an opportunity to participate in this year's elections. We are all working locally to provide safe voting options in our communities, including vote-by-mail, in order to ensure that we protect the health of all eligible Americans. This must also be a national priority. Anything less not only threatens to undermine our democratic values but erodes the very fabric of our country.

Sincerely,

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