

United States Senate

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The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
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Washington, DC 20260

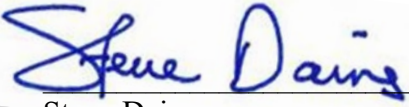
Dear Postmaster General DeJoy,

I write concerning the United States Postal Service's (USPS) recent decision to cease expedited air distribution services in Montana. Hundreds of thousands of customers across Montana rely on air distribution services for the timely mail delivery across vast distances. While I appreciate the continued work of the USPS to find innovative solutions and to maximize efficiency and cost effectiveness, I am concerned that this decision will lead to the continued degradation of service standards.

The USPS has a long-standing record of air distribution in Montana to deliver important parcels to rural customers across the country. Montanans who may live hundreds of miles from the nearest urban center rely on these services to receive their prescription medicines, pension payments, disability benefits, important bills, and logistical support to help run their small businesses. I understand that Montana's Alpine Air has been a long-standing contracted partner of the USPS to facilitate air distribution service and has provided excellent and consistent service for the last 30 years and this decision will result in immediate job losses and the further erosion of service standards.

I urge you to reconsider this decision and look forward to working together to find solutions to maintain consistent delivery and a robust Postal Service.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator