

PERILS OF 5 Day Delivery

As a 27 year veteran Letter Carrier, I do not think it is in the best interest of the USPS to reduce the delivery week and business advantage of the strongest "last mile" network in the nation. My patrons receiving medications are especially worried about Saturdays. As Health Care evolves and turns to the USPS to be the provider of choice for prescriptions we can't reduce the efficacy of that system. The VA has seen cost effective and timely results for many years and provides a model of how Health Care can be delivered to the American people.

5 day delivery would cost many *tens of thousands* of jobs in the USPS and mailing industries when jobs are precious to the Nation's health.

The pre funding of CSRS Health Benefits is an immediate and workable solution to strengthen the USPS to pursue additional revenue streams and grow. The \$75 billion in USPS funds that have been over charged should be restored as operating funds for the sake of maintaining 6 day service.

Further, elimination of Saturday delivery would allow for non USPS entities to create regional erosion of delivery where small start up businesses with non vetted employees to take the targeted materials that the USPS now handles to the homes of Americans. Letter Carriers are trusted but non USPS delivery personnel would not be.

In closing, the USPS is a trusted institution that has the largest delivery network at a universal price for all Americans. The business of America such as the Census and Vote By Mail should take advantage of the secure and trusted system that the USPS provides.

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