

# Sen. Hansen: Calls on U.S. Rep. Gallagher, U.S. Sen. Johnson to support bi-partisan legislation to save U.S. Postal Service

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**(Madison)**—State Senator Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay) called on Congressman Mike Gallagher and U.S. Senator Ron Johnson to support bi-partisan legislation introduced in the U.S. Senate to fund and protect the U.S. Postal Service and to guarantee that people receive their mail on time.

His comments came amid concerns that the changes are being made at the U.S. Postal Service to deliberately slow down the mail. Among the concerns cited have been the removal of sorting machines, removal of mail boxes and the elimination of overtime in an attempt by the Trump administration to slow down the mail and mail-in voting this fall.

“We have seniors and veterans waiting ten days or more to receive their needed medications. Paychecks are being delayed and on top of that 46 states have been told that mail-in ballots may not all be counted,” said Hansen. “This is a politically motivated disaster designed to sow chaos and doubt in our mail system and it’s going to cost people their lives if we don’t do something.”

Bi-partisan legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate that would provide \$25 billion in funding and put in place important protections to restore the postal service and to make sure people get their mail on time.

“This is not a Republican or Democratic issue. Significant numbers of people in rural areas and the elderly rely on the U.S. Mail for everything from getting their medications to receiving their paychecks and paying their bills. Congressman Gallagher and Senator Johnson should not only publicly support the Postal Service, they should back it up by supporting the bill in the Senate that will solve this problem, end the delays and restore people’s confidence that their mail and their

ballots will be processed on time.

A recent poll of rural Pennsylvania voters conducted jointly by Democratic and Republican pollsters found that 52% of voters said they were very or somewhat reliant on the U.S. Postal Service for their mail.

A poll conducted in April found 91 percent of respondents support the US Postal Service. The USPS also employs approximately 100,000 veterans.