

# Nelson campaign: Denounces Postmaster General DeJoy for deciding to mass produce gas-powered mail trucks

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Slams DeJoy for “Boneheaded Decision” and Reminds USPS to Make it in Oshkosh

Appleton, Wis. – On Wednesday, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy [announced](#) that the Postal Service finalized a \$6 billion contract with Oshkosh Defense for 165,000 new mail trucks, and 90 percent will be gas-powered vehicles, defying the Biden administration’s desire for all new federal vehicles to be electric.

Following is the response of Outagamie County Executive and U.S Senate candidate Tom Nelson:

“Postmaster General Louis DeJoy is making a colossal mistake by deciding to move forward with his plan to build 90 percent of the new mail trucks as gas-powered vehicles. This new fleet represents an opportunity to move forward and innovate our Postal Service to be at the forefront of more environmentally sustainable transportation.

“This irresponsible decision could cause \$900 million in climate damages, a catastrophic figure that can easily be avoided. The workers at the Oshkosh Defense plant right here in Wisconsin have proven they are capable of building electric vehicles.

“This is an inexcusable and boneheaded decision by Louis DeJoy who needs to resign or be fired. We have a once in a generation opportunity with these new postal vehicles. And a reminder – as the contract was awarded to Oshkosh Defense, these vehicles need to be made in Oshkosh with union labor.”

Earlier this week, Nelson released a [radio ad](#) supporting the UAW Local 578’s rally in Oshkosh this Saturday, February 26th, in support of the Oshkosh Defense workers here in Wisconsin.