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This week, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy announced that changes to the postal service will be suspended until after the November election, as more than 20 states threatened legal action over the matter. DeJoy had started to enact cost-cutting measures that critics said would jeopardize the service's ability to handle mail-in votes. The postal service was due to eliminate overtime for mail carriers, remove postal boxes, reduce post office hours, and more in an effort to reduce costs. The timing of the cuts correlated with President Trump's criticism of mail-in voting, which he says encourages voter fraud. DeJoy's announcement that the cost-cutting measures would be delayed until after the election comes as he was summoned to testify before the House and Senate to explain the changes. Furthermore, a coalition of 20 attorneys general from states around the country threatened to sue the Trump Administration over the cuts, calling them unlawful.

As public outrage grew over the cuts to the postal service, 20 attorneys general from around the country threatened to sue the Trump Administration. Washington and Pennsylvania are leading a coalition of states in the litigation process, and New York's attorney general Letitia James said she would also be filing an independent lawsuit challenging the cuts. Despite DeJoy's announcement that further cost-cutting measures would be delayed until after the election, it is clear that the attorneys general do not trust his word, and want to codify postal service protection into law. DeJoy was also summoned to testify before the House Oversight Committee and the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee indicating federal lawmakers are equally unconvinced over his commitment to halt the cost-cutting measures.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi summoned her chamber back to Washington from recess to vote on legislation that would protect the postal service from further damages. A bill in the House has been proposed that would revoke the cuts enacted by DeJoy and allocate \$25 billion in funding to the postal service. Members of Congress from both parties have signaled their concern over DeJoy's proposed cuts to the postal service, citing the vital services that the post office provides. Republican Senator Susan Collins said she opposes the Trump Administration's decision to cut services, and urged her colleagues to pass a bill she is co-sponsoring in the Senate that would allocate \$25 billion to the service.

Detractors of the postal service have argued that it is losing money rapidly and continuing to fund it without reform would be a waste of taxpayer money. However, it has been pointed out that the postal service is a public service, and not a business. Therefore, whether or not it is profitable is of little to no concern. President Trump has called on the postal service to increase its prices on mail shipped by retail giants, such as Amazon, in order to offset its losses. Members of the Trump Administration, including Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, have said that the cuts to the postal service were not ordered by the president in order to hinder mail-in voting. Meadows and other senior officials have alleged that the cuts to the postal service were approved by DeJoy's predecessor, and he was only implementing them. However, critics have pointed out that DeJoy has moved rapidly to implement the cuts, which in tandem with the president's criticism of mail-in voting, raises legitimate concerns.