



**PLEASE SUBMIT COMMENTS *OPPOSING* NEW PROPOSED USPS REGULATIONS
REGARDING MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY JULY 2, 2026**

The United States Postal Service ("USPS") issued this new rule on 06/02/2026, the full text of which, and more information, is available at this link: [Federal Register: Ballot Mail for Federal Elections](#).

According to the notice, the Postal Service would establish elements of national standards for the mailing of absentee and mail-in ballots in federal elections.

Concerning provisions include:

- **States would have to provide USPS with lists of voters** eligible to receive mail ballots for federal elections.
- **USPS would verify** that mailed ballots only being sent to voters on those submitted lists. Critics argue this gives USPS a new role in election administration that has traditionally belonged to state and local election officials.
- The proposal would establish **mandatory ballot-mail design and tracking requirements**, including requiring States to update their mail ballots envelopes to include voter unique ballot-tracking barcodes names.

Opponents of the proposed rules—including voting-rights organizations, election officials, and some members of Congress—argue that the proposal could:

- Create **new administrative burdens** for election officials.
- **Delay ballot distribution.**
- Allow USPS to refuse delivery of ballots, **which would disenfranchise eligible voters.**

The central question is not whether election mail should be secure—everyone agrees it should be—but **whether these new federal requirements will create barriers that could prevent eligible voters from receiving and returning their mail-in and absentee ballots in time to be counted. These new proposed rules will create unnecessary barriers.**

Along with the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWVMA), the national League of Women Voters (LWV) has filed a lawsuit challenging President Trump's Executive Order requiring USPS to issue this new proposed rule. That lawsuit is ongoing, and has not been resolved yet, so we ask that you limit any comments to the suggested language below.

To File Your Comment by July 2, 2026:

- Mail or deliver written comments to Director, Product Classification, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4446, Washington, DC 20260-5015.
- Alternatively, email comments, containing the name and address of the commenter, may be sent to: PCFederalRegister@usps.gov, with a subject line of "Ballot Mail." **Faxed comments will not be accepted.**

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SUGGESTED COMMENT LANGUAGE

Director, Product Classification
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Via email: PCFederalRegister@usps.gov

Re: Ballot Mail

Dear U.S. Postal Service,

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of [League Name] ("the League"), we write in response to the Postal Service request for comments related to its proposal to amend the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual ("DMM"), regarding the transmission of mail-in or absentee ballots for federal elections. The League opposes these proposed amendments.

These proposed amendments create unnecessary barriers to voting that could prevent eligible voters from receiving and returning their mail-in and absentee ballots and could even serve to disenfranchise eligible voters who are unable to vote in person.

The League is a nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to empower voters and defend democracy. The League is nonpartisan — neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government — and is committed to protecting the freedom to vote. [insert more information about your League specifically. When was it founded? What cities/counties/state do you work in? How many members do you have?]

The League believes that voting is a fundamental right for citizens that must be guaranteed. Voting by mail is part of that right and is a critical part of the election process throughout the United States.

Sincerely,
[Name]
[League Name]
[Address]