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RESOLUTION OPPOSING FEDERAL USPS RULES THAT THREATEN MAIL, VOTING, AND DEMOCRACY

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has historically served as a neutral and trusted public institution responsible for the secure and timely delivery of election mail; and,

WHEREAS, recently proposed federal rules would require states to provide voter and ballot request data to the Postal Service and could authorize the Postal Service to withhold or reject election mail that does not comply with federally imposed requirements; and,

WHEREAS, election administration has traditionally been conducted by state and local election officials under state law, with the Postal Service serving as a carrier rather than an election regulator; and,

WHEREAS, these proposed changes have generated significant concern among election officials, voting-rights advocates, labor organizations, and state governments because they could create new barriers to voting by mail, increase the risk of voter disenfranchisement, and impose substantial administrative burdens on election authorities; and,

WHEREAS, Washington State has successfully conducted elections by mail for many years, providing secure, accessible, and widely utilized voting opportunities for working people, rural communities, military families, seniors, and voters with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, any effort to condition the delivery of ballots on the transfer of voter data or compliance with federally imposed election-administration requirements represents a dangerous concentration of authority that threatens democratic self-government and the ability of working people to participate fully in the electoral process; and,

WHEREAS, organized labor has a long history of defending voting rights, democratic participation, and equal access to the ballot box for all workers; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO (WSLC) oppose any federal rule, regulation, executive action, or administrative policy that transforms the United States Postal Service from a neutral carrier of election mail into an election regulating authority; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the WSLC condemns these proposed changes as a reckless assault on democratic participation that would weaponize governmental authority to erect barriers between voters and the ballot box; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the WSLC will send a letter to Washington State's Congressional delegation urging them to oppose any federal action, rule, or legislation that undermines vote-by-mail systems, interferes with state election administration, or restricts the timely delivery of election mail; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that the WSLC urges the AFL-CIO, to adopt a similar position and advocate for the protection of vote-by-mail systems, voting rights, and democratic self-government.

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