



June 29, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Room S-230, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
Room S-220, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: United State Postal Service Emergency Funding in COVID-19 Relief Spending Package (Version IV)

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA), I am writing to request that adequate federal funding be included in Congress' fourth COVID-19 relief package to ensure the financial viability and continued operations of the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Founded in 1982, AHPA is the national trade association for, and the voice of, the herbal products industry. AHPA is comprised of more than 300 domestic and foreign companies doing business as growers, processors, manufacturers, and marketers of herbs and botanical and herbal products. AHPA's mission is to promote the responsible commerce of herbal products. AHPA's members are significant contributors to the overall U.S. dietary supplement market which has an estimated \$120 billion economic impact on the U.S economy¹.

The financial condition of the USPS is of significant importance to AHPA's members, who depend on the Postal Service for the reliable transport of their herbal products such as dietary supplements and teas, and for other vital business activities. As such, it is essential that the USPS is properly funded to meet the needs of AHPA's members, as well as those of their customers.

Mail delivery has always been an essential service and has become even more critical as the nation continues to work its way through this unsettled period where access to stores

¹ 2016 Economic Impact of the Dietary Supplement Industry conducted by John Dunham and Associates

and services has been limited in many parts of the country. AHPA encourages the Congress to establish an ongoing practice of providing the USPS with financial support to maintain its operations, at the present time and continuing when the nation reestablishes normal business practices. The health of the USPS is important to the wellbeing of millions of Americans who rely on it for delivery of vital goods and services.

To meet its immediate needs, as you develop the next coronavirus response legislation please consider inclusion of significant emergency funding to support the USPS.

Thank you for your leadership as our nation confronts unprecedented challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic, and for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael McGuffin', written in a cursive style.

Michael McGuffin
President