

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

**JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE
MAINE LEGISLATURE FOR KEEPING MAIL PROCESSING AT
THE EASTERN MAINE PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION
FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is an essential service to the American public; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service's report dated January 30th, 2024 recommends consolidating outgoing mail processing at the Eastern Maine Processing and Distribution Facility with the Southern Maine Processing and Distribution Center; and

WHEREAS, the Delivering For America plan devised by United States Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has already caused delays in mail delivery, lower service standards, reductions in workforce and lowered confidence in the United States Postal Service in general; and

WHEREAS, Maine, being a predominantly rural state, is reliant on the United States Postal Service for prompt and efficient delivery of the mail; and

WHEREAS, Maine has unique geographical and environmental challenges affecting transportation; and

WHEREAS, the shifting of mail processing operations currently proposed by the United States Postal Service away from the Eastern Maine Processing and Distribution Facility may further delay delivery service to the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has failed to address how these proposed changes may affect staffing and service standards for post offices served by the Eastern Maine Processing and Distribution Facility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our support for keeping mail processing at the Eastern Maine Processing and Distribution Facility at its current status and express our belief that the proposed consolidation is not in the best interests of Maine people, that processing and transportation methods developed in other parts of the country are insufficient to address Maine's unique geography and climate and that the United States Postal Service should reverse its decision on consolidation of services at the Eastern Maine Processing and Distribution Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service and all members of Maine's Congressional Delegation.