

# COALITION TO SAVE THE VENICE POST OFFICE

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Edward Biberman mural, *The Story of Venice*, at the Venice Post Office

Dear Senators Boxer and Feinstein:

I am writing to strongly urge you to block the sale of the Venice Main Post Office, 1601 Main Street, Venice CA 90291, due to the overwhelming desire of the community to preserve the post office in this 70-year-old historic building with its equally historic mural, *The Story of Venice*, painted by Edward Biberman in 1941. The sale of our post office is not blocked by the current moratorium. Your immediate action is needed.

I am also writing to urge you not to support the Postal Reform Bill, S1789, unless it includes the following, much needed amendments. This vital public service is important to all Americans. We urge you to make every effort to preserve and expand the services provided by the Postal Service, as follows:

Recommended Amendments:

- Prevent the closing, or relocating, of small post offices by giving the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) binding authority to prevent closures or relocations based on the effect on the community and employees.
- Maintain current service standards. (This is crucial, because the Postal Service is planning to degrade delivery standards in order to eliminate half of all mail processing facilities.)
- Allow the USPS to recover over-payments the Postal Service made to its retiree pension funds.
- Adequately address the requirement that forces the USPS to pre-fund future retiree health benefits. (This mandate is the primary cause of the agency's financial crisis. No other government agency or private company bears this burden, which costs the USPS approximately \$5.5 billion annually.)
- Establish new ways to generate revenue, such as providing notary services, issuing licenses, contracting with state and local agencies to provide services, and allowing the USPS to offer services that mail systems in many other countries provide, such as digital services.
- Protect six-day delivery.

Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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