

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I send greetings to all those observing the 45th anniversary of the Postal Reorganization Act.

Post offices and their employees play an important role in our national culture and contribute to a rich and lasting tradition of correspondence in the United States. Since our Nation's earliest days when Benjamin Franklin was appointed as the first Postmaster General, postal workers have tirelessly served their fellow citizens by fortifying the people-to-people bonds that make our society strong.

Forty-five years ago, the modern United States Postal Service was created with the passage of the Postal Reorganization Act—and today, the women and men of the postal service carry forward a proud legacy of connecting Americans and fortifying the ties that bind us. As President, I know how important this is: Each day, I read mail from ordinary Americans—letters that do more than almost anything else to keep me in touch with what is happening around our country and in the lives of our people.

I am profoundly grateful to our Nation's dedicated postal service professionals, and I wish you all the best as you commemorate this meaningful anniversary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is centered at the bottom of the page.