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BREAKING: Rep. Schweikert Votes Against Emergency USPS Funding

PHOENIX, AZ - With fewer than seventy-five days to go until the general election, Congressman David Schweikert voted against bipartisan legislation that will allocate the necessary emergency funds to operate the United States Postal Service.

The USPS provides a vital public service to hundreds of millions of Americans who rely on the essential service to deliver life-saving prescription medications, checks, and more. The service is responsible for delivering [90% of VA medications](#), and recent slowdowns have delayed deliveries and left veterans waiting for medication that they desperately need. In addition, the Postal Service employs over half a million employees, [16% of whom](#) are veterans. Without emergency funding, experts expect recent delivery delays to continue.

Later this year, USPS is expected to deliver millions of ballots across the country. Without adequate funding, many question the Postal Service's ability to deliver the completed ballots on time. This fear that delayed votes will not be counted is especially heightened in Arizona; in a typical election year, around [80% of Arizonans](#) vote by mail, and that number is expected to grow this year because of the pandemic.

“Congressman Schweikert has yet again betrayed his constituents by voting against funding for the Post Service. USPS is a life-line for the Arizonans who depend on the service for the delivery of their prescription drugs. Rep. Schweikert’s complete disregard for the health and wellbeing of those individuals is downright heartless,” said Dr. Hiral Tipirneni. **“Not to mention, millions of Arizonans rely on the postal service to exercise their right to vote. This is tantamount to voter suppression given that ballots could very well be delayed**

and never counted come November. We must replace Schweikert with a leader who will protect their constituents' health and basic rights."