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Nancy Pelosi and AOC would be proud of Congressmen Cox and Costa for hitting on all the USPS far left talking points at today's news conference. Our new Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has a long history of success demonstrated by taking his father's struggling trucking company from 60 employees to over 80,000 employees. What the postmaster did not know is that the far left will take any situation and turn it into political grandstanding. All strong leaders are driven to make changes and see positive results immediately. The timing of these changes should have been initiated after the election because of the optics. This is why he now has reversed some very much needed changes until after the election.

Democrats and republicans alike enjoy and support the USPS. However, they have been losing billions for many years. I waited for 45 minutes in line at the post office recently with only one person working the counter. Finally, as the person who had been helped was leaving, I asked what was the problem. Her response was the postal worker blamed it on COVID. I wondered how Costco, Target, Lowes and many other businesses that Comrade Newsom has allowed to be open have not missed a beat. All open private companies are having no employee issues, only government entities.

There are ample reasons to be concerned about so many mail in ballots. The US Election Assistance Committee stated that in the 2016 General Election, the voting spread between Clinton and Trump was 2.9 million votes. However, 6.5 million ballots were misdirected or unaccounted for by the states. In other words, twice as many votes were not calculated as the vote spread between the two presidential candidates. This is a huge issue. Far more mail in ballots will be used in this election possibly resulting in tens of millions of ballots being misdirected or unaccounted for in 2020. I want every vote to count. This problem causes the entire nation to lose trust in the election process and could have disastrous results if Americans feel this is not an honest election. In 2018, seven California Congressional Republican candidates were ahead the night of the election and all seven lost after thousands of ballots showed up days after the election. What are the odds for all seven seats to be turned after election night?

I have two answers to increase voter confidence. 1) Have every voter bubble in their social security number on their ballot and have all ballots E-Verified. 2) Every county has a website where voters can check the status of his or her vote by mail. The "I voted" stickers should say "I voted. Check your vote status by going to..."

Finally, stop being deceived by politicians who now hate their opponents more than they love this country. Carefully, sort through their rhetoric and do your homework to get to the truth. I may or may not like the results of this 2020 election but it must be fair and honest. We can't have tens of millions of votes misdirected or unaccounted for without civil unrest.