

ROBERT J. WITTMAN

1ST DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE  
RANKING MEMBER, SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES  
TACTICAL AIR AND LAND FORCES

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
WATER, OCEANS, AND WILDLIFE

CO-CHAIR, CONGRESSIONAL  
SHIPBUILDING CAUCUS

CO-CHAIR, CONGRESSIONAL  
CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED TASK FORCE

CO-CHAIR, CONGRESSIONAL  
PUBLIC HEALTH CAUCUS

CO-CHAIR, CONGRESSIONAL  
RURAL BROADBAND CAUCUS



## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

August 17, 2020

WASHINGTON OFFICE:

2055 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
(202) 225-4261

DISTRICT OFFICES:

STAFFORD OFFICE  
95 DUNN DRIVE SUITE 201  
STAFFORD, VA 22556  
(540) 659-2734

MECHANICSVILLE OFFICE  
6501 MECHANICSVILLE TURNPIKE SUITE 102  
MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23111  
(804) 730-6595

MIDDLE PENINSULA OFFICE  
508 CHURCH LANE  
P.O. Box 3106  
TAPPAHANNOCK, VA 22560  
(804) 443-0668

[WWW.WITTMAN.HOUSE.GOV](http://WWW.WITTMAN.HOUSE.GOV)

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
United States Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin:

I am writing you regarding your authority under the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* (P.L. 116-136, Section 6001) to ensure that the appropriate support is made available to provide reliable and timely mail service by the United States Postal Service (USPS) during these extremely challenging times.

Recently, I have heard from a significant number of constituents across the First Congressional District reporting delayed mail services-- impacting critical shipments of medications, harming businesses and casting doubt on the USPS preparedness to handle the expected increased number of absentee votes by mail during the upcoming general election.

As you know, Section 6001 of the CARES Act included \$10 billion in additional borrowing authority to help the USPS with the financial shortfalls that have occurred due to COVID-19. I am encouraged to hear that recently the Department of Treasury and USPS have reached an agreement on loan terms should the need arise, allowing USPS to access additional funding for ongoing operations. I would encourage you to continue to work with Postmaster General DeJoy to ensure reliable and sustainable mail service, vital to so many Virginians.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to continuing to work together to address these and other critical issues facing the nation.

Sincerely,

Robert Wittman