



**STATEMENT FROM COUNSEL TO THE MAYOR KAPIL LONGANI
ON MAIL-IN VOTING**

This week, Mayor de Blasio announced that New York City joined a coalition of states and cities in filing a lawsuit to stop the Trump Administration's attempts to dismantle the United States Postal Service (USPS). While our country continues to battle COVID-19, the USPS has taken several actions that have resulted in severe mail delivery disruptions, with the potential to alter the November elections and jeopardize every American's inalienable right to vote.

It is crucial that we stand up against this frontal attack on the integrity of our elections. Disruptions in mail can cause delays to delivery of not just mailed ballots, but critical medications, social security checks, and tax refunds—goods and services that our most vulnerable New Yorkers rely on to maintain their physical, mental, and financial wellbeing.

"The post office slowdown is nothing more than a voter suppression tactic," said **Laura Wood, Senior Advisor and General Counsel to DemocracyNYC**. "I am proud that the City of New York has joined with the New York Attorney General to fight this illegal power grab and ensure that every eligible voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot."

With all my heart, I urge all eligible New Yorkers to ensure that their votes are counted in November by requesting a mail-in ballot for the presidential election TODAY. Obtaining an absentee ballot is so easy—visit [nycabsentee.com](https://www.nycabsentee.com) or call **1-866-VOTE-NYC**. Any voter affected by COVID-19 is eligible to receive a ballot as they fall under the category of a temporary illness or physical disability.

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