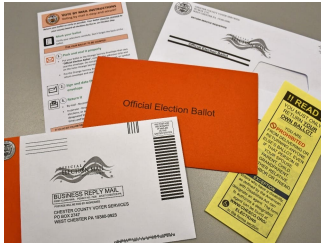


Supreme Court won't clear way for Trump's mailed ballot rules

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The Supreme Court on Monday, Sept. 14 declined to let the U.S. Postal Service tighten the use of mail-in ballots ahead of the November midterm elections that will decide control of Congress.

The ruling was a loss for President Donald Trump who has challenged the security of mail-in ballots. He's pushed for greater federal control of elections, which are administered by states – many of which said the changes can't be implemented in time.

The administration had asked the court to suspend a judge's ruling that paused Trump's new rule for the Postal Service.

Under the controversial order Trump signed in March, states must give lists of verified voters to the Postal Service and use a specific design for ballot envelopes that includes unique voter barcodes. The Postal Service can refuse to deliver ballots that don't meet the new rules.

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