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## KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED

### Dear Members,

By the time you read this Article, the House of Representatives may have acted on postal reform legislation (or, then again, the House may have failed to act). We are pushing the House now, to use the recently passed Senate Bill (S. 1789) as the starting point for passing meaningful legislation to provide financial relief to the Postal Service, while preserving jobs and service for the American people.

Right now there are multiple versions of postal bills pending in the House, some of which we support either in whole or in part, and some of which we oppose. Many of the bills that purport to “save” the Postal Service actually would destroy it. There are more in-depth descriptions of these legislative matters later on in this magazine. I hope that you will take the time to read them over in detail, and I hope you have been keeping up with the debate surrounding “postal reform,” especially over these past several months. The NPMHU is doing everything it can to convince Members of Congress to do the right thing, and to keep the “Service” in the Postal Service. You can do your part at the grass roots level by logging on to our web site, at [www.npmhu.org](http://www.npmhu.org), and navigating over to the Legislative page. As we work diligently to protect Mail Handler jobs, your supportive and complementary



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efforts are extremely important and will be much appreciated.

In related activities, the Postal Service continues to plan massive closings and consolidations affecting approximately 250 of its mail processing facilities. The latest “plan” unveiled by the Postal Service would close or consolidate 48 facilities in August of this year, another 92 early in the year next year, and an additional 89 facilities by the end of 2014. If all of these plant closings and consolidations move forward, almost 8,000 Mail Handlers could be impacted, by being reassigned into new jobs and/or new facilities. Of course, we are working under Article 12 of National Agreement to minimize the disruption and the dislocation if these service cuts are implemented. At the same time, the National Office is working in Congress and before the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) to prohibit or limit these actions. In Congress, we are asking your legislative representatives to prohibit certain changes in overnight mailing standards while providing the Postal Service As a result of continued down-