



# National Postal Mail Handlers Union

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Dear Local Presidents:

I am writing to ask you to meet with your legislators over the Congressional recess from Aug. 5 to Sept. 6, 2013, to urge them to co-sponsor the Postal Service Protection Act (H.R. 630 in the House / S. 316 in the Senate), the Protect Overnight Delivery Act (H.R. 2459), and the United States Postal Service Stabilization Act (H.R. 961). Currently, we have 28 co-sponsors for S. 316, 163 co-sponsors for H.R. 630, 72 co-sponsors for H.R. 2459, and 132 for H.R. 961. (A list of co-sponsors is available on the Legislative Center link on the NPMHU website at <http://capwiz.com/npmhu/issues/bills/>)

At the national level, the NPMHU has been working diligently with the postal oversight committees in the House and Senate to make our position clear that the greatest threat to the Postal Service is the dismantling of the mail processing network. It strengthens our point when locals and constituents reinforce our message through direct contact with legislators at the local level.

It is imperative that we highlight the radical and irresponsible cuts in service that management has made and will continue to make if Congress doesn't act now. We must demand that Congress take action to prevent and reverse the dismantling of the mail processing network and stop the further degradation of service to the American people. Whether or not your facility is affected by consolidation, the Postal Service's plans to cut service will affect your job, and your livelihood. The Postal Service needs to grow the business, not cut services to the American people.

In addition to supporting the bills outlined above, we also need to oppose any bill, such as the 'discussion draft' authored by House Government Reform and Oversight Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, which would interfere with collective bargaining, and further degrade service.

As soon as possible, please contact your congressional representatives' and senators' home office(s) to schedule an August appointment, either with your representative(s) and senators or with their staff person responsible for postal issues, to explain that we must have postal reform this year, before the congressionally manufactured financial crisis forces the Postal Service into insolvency. Remember, the end of USPS fiscal year is Sept. 30, 2013.

Talking points and a one-page hand-out are enclosed. Talking points may be updated and distributed as the situation in Congress develops. The hand-out piece is intended for you to leave with the legislator and/or their staff person at the end of your meeting. If possible, bring union members and community allies to the meeting. If you have a large contingent, participants should gather outside while a delegation goes in to meet with the representative or senator (or their staff). A leaflet for the public that you can reproduce locally is enclosed, and is also available for downloading on the NPMHU website. You will also be receiving a supply of the leaflets in the mail, next week, under separate cover.

Our union officers and grass-roots activists have done a great job educating the public, and many members of Congress on the issues surrounding postal reform, but much more is needed. Congress needs to act before it's too late, and it's up to us to get that message to them. Please join us in lobbying for postal reform during Congress's August recess, and encourage all members of your Local to do so as well.

If you require any assistance, or need more information, contact Legislative and Political Director Bob Losi at 1-202-833-9095.

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.F. Hegarty", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John F. Hegarty

National President

Enclosures

cc: National Executive Board

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