



# National Postal Mail Handlers Union

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Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney  
Committee on Oversight & Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member James Comer  
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Dear Chairwoman Maloney and Ranking Member Comer:

On behalf of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, which represents over 50,000 postal mail handlers across the country, I endorse the bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act of 2021, H.R. 3076.

As you are aware, the bill would repeal the 2006 mandate requiring the Postal Service to prefund its retiree healthcare benefits; require future retirees and their annuitants to enroll in Medicare when eligible; provide agreements with state, local, and tribal governments to provide noncommercial services; and call upon the Postal Service to conduct studies on service standards and create a public facing dashboard, informing postal customers on delays.

By eliminating the prefunding mandate and calling for prospective integration into Medicare, the Postal Service would save \$4.4 billion annually. No other private business or public agency prefunds their retiree healthcare, and postal employees have contributed over \$35 billion to Medicare over the past four decades, while not fully taking advantage of its benefits. This is a commonsense solution that is supported by labor, management, Republicans, and Democrats alike.

Financial instability has mired the USPS for years. As this bill moves to right the agency's fiscal ship, the Postal Service will be able to focus on revenue growth, improve performance, and support a sustainable workforce.

The NPMHU thanks both of you and your staff for your tireless work on H.R. 3076. Your dedication to the Postal Service and its employees is appreciated, and has played an important role in postal history.

Sincerely,

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