

# **A GRAND ALLIANCE**

## **TO SAVE OUR PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE**

July 23, 2015

Dear Representative:

The United States Postal Service (USPS) is a wonderful national treasure, enshrined in the Constitution and supported by the American people. Without any taxpayer funding, the USPS serves 150 million households and businesses each day, providing affordable, universal mail service to all – including rich and poor, rural and urban, without regard to age, nationality, race or gender.

The people of this country expect and deserve great public postal services. Regrettably, USPS management has instead adopted a plan to diminish service by delaying America's mail and seeking the end of Saturday mail delivery. Recognizing the dangers posed by such counterproductive cuts, our broad coalition of national organizations have joined under one banner in support of this great American institution – *A Grand Alliance to Save Our Public Postal Service*. We write to you in support of two important and bipartisan resolutions to protect essential postal operations – House Resolution 54 and House Resolution 12.

This January, the USPS drastically reduced their “service standards,” delaying mail nationwide and virtually eliminating overnight delivery of first class mail and periodicals. As service standards worsen and mail processing facilities shutter, rural Americans and businesses in particular are feeling the worst of the mail delays. In response, Reps. David McKinley (R-WV) and Paul Tonko (D-NY) are leading a bipartisan coalition in defense of prompt, reliable mail. Their measure, H.Res.54, expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the USPS “should take all appropriate measures to restore service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012.” **We encourage you to take a stand against delayed mail and join with 197 of your colleagues in co-sponsoring H.Res.54.**

To co-sponsor H.Res.54, please contact Octavian Jordan ([octavian.jordan@mail.house.gov](mailto:octavian.jordan@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. McKinley's office or Emily Duhovny ([emily.duhovny@mail.house.gov](mailto:emily.duhovny@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. Tonko's office.

Maintaining six-day mail delivery meets the demands of American households and businesses. As such, Reps. Sam Graves (R-MO) and Gerry Connolly (D-VA) are leading the charge to preserve mail delivery six-days a week. Affirming a congressional requirement on the books for more than three decades, H.Res.12 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the USPS “should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its six-day mail delivery service.” **We urge you to join 209 of your fellow representatives on H.Res.12 in opposition of the USPS's attempts to eliminate Saturday service.**

To co-sponsor H.Res.12, please contact Wes Shaw ([wesley.shaw@mail.house.gov](mailto:wesley.shaw@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. Graves's office or Ben Rhoades ([benjamin.rhoades@mail.house.gov](mailto:benjamin.rhoades@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. Connolly's office.



While independent reviews suggest little to no savings, delaying the mail and eliminating delivery days will only serve to drive customers away. Taking the service out of the Postal Service will result in lower revenue and more postal red ink, threatening the future of this crucial public good. Americans from all walks of life rely on timely and efficient delivery of the mail and this must be a priority for the USPS. We cannot afford to allow America's Postal Service to be torn apart.

Sincerely,

**A Grand Alliance to Save Our Public Postal Service**

9to5	Labor Campaign for Single Payer
AFSCME	National Association of Letter Carriers
Amalgamated Transit Union	National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
American Federation of Government Employees	NARFE-Sierra County Chapter #1341
American Federation of School Administrators	National Alliance of Postal & Federal Employees
American Postal Workers Union	National Association of Postal Supervisors
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO	National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
Big Apple Coffee Party	National Consumers League
Black Women's Roundtable	National Council of Churches
Campaign for America's Future	National Organization of Women
Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good	National People's Action
Center for Community Change Action	National Writers Union – Tucson Chapter
Center for Effective Government	New Hampshire Alliance for Retired Americans
Center for Rural Affairs	New Progressive Alliance
Center for Study of Responsive Law	Northwest Oregon Labor Council
Citizens for an Engaged Electorate	People Demanding Action
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists	People for the American Way
Coalition of Labor Union Women	Popular Resistance
Communications Workers of America	Pride at Work
Communities and Postal Workers United	Public Citizen
Consumer Action	South Carolina Progressive Network
Farm Aid	South Dakota Farmers Union
Greenpeace USA	United Students Against Sweatshops
Hightower Lowdown	USAction
In the Public Interest	Vote Vets Action Fund
International Association of Fire Fighters	Working America, Community Affiliate of the AFL-CIO
Jewish Labor Committee	
Jobs With Justice	