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**How You Really Feel
About the House Budget**

Before the summer recess, the House Budget Committee advanced its Fiscal Year 2018 budget resolution which includes an outright assault on postal and federal workers.

Say NO to Moving the Postal Service "On Budget"

The Postal Service currently operates "off budget" and relies solely on the sale of postage and other postal services for funding. Moving the Postal Service "on budget" would severely hinder Postal operations and is an obvious attempt to move the Postal Service closer to privatization.

Moving the Postal Service "on budget" could:

- **Put caps on Postal Service spending**—By dictating how the Postal Service can spend its money, the government can prevent them from using their funds to provide improved services and invest in infrastructure.
- **Subject the Postal Service to Federal shutdowns**

Oppose Cuts to Pay and Retirement Benefits

The House 2018 Federal Budget calls for:

- **Increasing employee pension contributions** into the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS). This could result in a pay-cut of thousands of dollars a year for each FERS postal employee.
- **Ending the Social Security supplement** currently covering the gap in FERS benefits for those who retire before they are eligible for social security benefits.
- **Eliminating pensions for new hires.**

There is also a concern that Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) on FERS retirement benefits will be eliminated and COLAs on current civil service retirees will be reduced, as previously proposed by the White House.

Across the country APWU state and local union presidents and legislative directors are arranging visits to Congressional representatives' district offices.

Contact your local union leaders to join your local's delegation.