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Dear Postal Employee:

I am writing with an urgent request: Please contact your U.S. Representative and Senators right away and ask them to support the Postal Service Protection Act.

This legislation would go a long way toward solving the Postal Service's financial crisis. It would make many of the planned cutbacks in service unnecessary; give postal employees a greater sense of security, and give the American people a Postal Service they can count on for the future.

The Postal Service Protection Act would:

1. Fix the Postal Service's immediate financial crisis by ending the mandate that requires the USPS to pre-fund healthcare benefits for future retirees – a burden no other government agency or private company bears;
2. Allow the Postal Service to recover overpayments the USPS made to federal pension plans;
3. Re-establish overnight delivery standards for first-class mail, which would ensure the timely delivery of mail, help keep mail processing facilities open, and protect jobs;
4. Protect six-day delivery;
5. Allow the USPS to develop new products and services that would generate new sources of revenue, and

**Support S. 316 and H.R. 630
Contact Congress Today!**

By Email:

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/bfyld5p>

By Phone:

Call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for your representative and senators.

By Mail:

Write your representative:

[Name]

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Write your senators:

[Name]

U.S. Senate
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6. Protect post offices by giving the Postal Regulatory Commission binding authority to prevent post offices from being closed based on the effect on the community and the effect on the employees.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) introduced the Postal Service Protection Act (S. 316) in the Senate, and Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) introduced the bill (H.R. 630) in the House.

Please contact your U.S. Representative and both Senators right away to urge them to co-sponsor and work for passage of these important bills.

Thank you.

In solidarity,



Cliff Guffey
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