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NRLCA Urges Support for a Public Postal Service (H. Res. 70/S. Res. 147)

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) delivers to nearly 167 million addresses all over the United States, six to seven days per week. Many rural communities, the elderly, and veterans are reliant on the USPS for packages, medications, checks, and other products. Recently, talk of overhauling the Postal Service and pushing it towards privatization has come back. However, privatizing the Postal Service would be a mistake. The Postal Service plays a vital role in the nation's economy. The Postal Service and the mailing industry account for approximately 7.9 million jobs and \$1.9 trillion in revenue.

Too many times, proponents of postal privatization point to other countries that have partially or completely privatized their postal delivery as the answer. These models have consistently shown that postal privatization is bad not only for the customer, but for the workforce as well. Privatization has resulted in reduced service quality, higher prices and degraded working conditions.

According to a 2024 Pew Research Center study, Americans view the Postal Service as one of the most favorable government agencies. The Postal Service is an important communication and marketing tool utilized by millions of citizens across the country. Without this service, many citizens living in rural areas would be left behind or unable to send and receive mail and parcels at affordable rates. In fact, many of USPS' biggest competitors use the Postal Service for their last mile delivery to rural areas where it is not profitable for them to deliver. If the Postal Service were privatized, private corporations would cherry pick the profitable areas and leave the rural areas behind.

NRLCA Position:

NRLCA supports H. Res. 70 and S. Res. 147, bipartisan legislation expressing the sense of the Congress that the Postal Service should remain an independent agency and not subject to privatization. The NRLCA urges all members of Congress to co-sponsor this legislation.