

## Four Members of Congress Form Bipartisan Postal Preservation Caucus

Reps. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Peter King (R-NY), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), and Mark Amodei (R-NV) have joined together to form a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers to ensure that postal stimulus legislation is passed to protect vital USPS services during the COVID-19 crisis.

On April 30, the members of Congress sent a letter to House and Senate leadership asking them to pass legislation that provides \$50 billion in stimulus funding along with another \$25 billion in lending authority from the U.S. Treasury to help protect the USPS during the crisis.

In that letter, the members compared the financial needs of the USPS to private-sector businesses that were readily funded in earlier stimulus packages.

“Both Democrats and Republicans in Congress supported large infusions of liquidity for other industries and companies that are critical to our nation’s economy. For example, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act provided \$50 billion in grants and loans, including payroll support, to passenger air carriers. According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the U.S. airline industry had 452,668 full time employees in 2019, meaning that the Act provided the airline industry with the equivalent of more than \$110,000 per employee. That would amount to more than \$69 billion if applied to the Postal Service’s 630,000 employees,” they wrote.

The lawmakers also sent a letter to their colleagues on both sides of the aisle asking them to join the bipartisan group that seeks to ensure that the Postal Service does not run out of money by September as a result of a downturn in mail revenue caused by the crisis.

“I applaud these members of Congress coming together to get much-needed aid to the Postal Service as we battle the pandemic on the front lines delivering vital medications, stimulus checks, testing equipment, and other important packages. I look forward to working with the bipartisan Postal Preservation Caucus to keep this important institution running without any interruptions in service,” NRLCA President Ronnie Stutts said in response to the formation of the caucus.

[Click here to read the letter sent to House and Senate leadership.](#)

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