



Postal Service Emergency Assistance Act Introduced

On July 2nd, Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Diane Feinstein (D-CA) introduced the Postal Service Emergency Assistance Act to provide the USPS with \$25 billion to cover revenue losses and operational expenses resulting from Covid-19. Prior to using the funds, the Postal Service would need to certify in its quarterly and annual reports to the Postal Regulatory Commission that the funds are needed to cover COVID-19 related losses or operational expenses. Senators Collins and Feinstein's bill would also clarify the borrowing authority provided in the CARES Act and require the Board of Governors to transmit to Congress a plan to ensure the long-term solvency of USPS.

The NRLCA joined the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), Coalition for a 21st Century Postal Service, National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS), National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU), the Package Coalition, the PRINTING United Alliance, and United Postmasters and Managers of America in support of the legislation.

The original co-sponsors for this bill are: Senators Steve Daines (R-MT), Doug Jones (D-AL) and Jon Tester (D-MT).

As you can see by the Senators introducing this bill as well as the original co-sponsors, this is a bipartisan action. This bill has been assigned **S.4174**. On July 2nd, the bill was read twice and referred to the Committee for Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Contacting our two Senators can only be beneficial in getting this bill passed into law and providing a little job security for us all.

Help save **YOUR** job and the jobs of over 600,000 of our Postal brothers and sisters. Contact your Senators.

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