

Dear Representative [Name]:

I am writing as a rural carrier and constituent of your district to voice my strong support for the USPS Fairness Act. I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 2382, introduced by Reps. Peter DeFazio, Tom Reed, Xochitl Torres Small, and Brian Fitzpatrick. Please join the other cosponsors and support this legislation “To amend title 5, United States Code, to repeal the requirement that the United States Postal Service prepay future retirement benefits, and for other purposes.”

This bill will repeal the excessive 2006 mandate that requires the Postal Service to pre-fund decades of health benefits for its retirees—a requirement virtually unheard of anywhere in the private or public sectors. The legislation would not increase the deficit and would not “score” under Congressional Budget Office pay-go rules. The pre-funding mandate accounts for 100 percent of financial losses for the Postal Service since 2013. The USPS would have recorded surpluses of nearly \$4 billion in the last six years if not for the mandate. No other company or agency in America is forced to pre-fund retiree healthcare.

We need your support to end the pre-funding mandate so the USPS can focus on improving its service to all Americans and no longer be a fiscal sore-spot of the Federal Government. If we continue to treat the Postal Service as a borrowing pool for money needed to balance the books elsewhere, critical services such as door-to-door and six-day delivery will likely end for citizens in your district.

Please support H.R. 2382 and remember that many of the Postal Service’s problems stem directly from the pre-funding mandate. By doing so, you will help ensure that our postal system will move forward and become more modern and efficient, while offering better service to all Americans.

Thank you for your continued dedication and attention to this issue. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about my request.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]