

Dear Representative [Name]:

I am writing as a rural carrier and constituent of your district to voice my strong support for the United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act. I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 3721, a bipartisan bill introduced by Rep. Dan Newhouse and Rep. Jennifer Wexton. H.R. 3721 would amend the current United States Code to allow the U.S. Postal Service to deliver alcoholic beverages.

It is estimated that private carriers make over \$3 billion for the shipping of beer, wine and liquor alone. But this is a revenue source that is denied to the United States Postal Service (USPS). By co-sponsoring H.R. 3721, you would support legislation that would end an archaic Prohibition-era ban that prevents the Postal Service from delivering alcoholic beverages to consumers over the age of 21. Economists at the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States estimate that allowing the Postal Service to ship and deliver alcoholic beverages could result in \$180 million in new revenue.

The Postal Service is consistently rated as one of the most trusted government agencies. Currently, the Postal Service has safeguards in place for certain classes of mail that require adult signatures over the age of 21. As rural letter carriers, we understand the importance of getting the proper signatures when delivering mail and packages. In addition, the *USPS Shipping Equity Act* does not supersede state and local regulations. If a state or locality currently prohibits the shipment of alcoholic beverages, the Postal Service will not be allowed to deliver to that area.

Please support H.R. 3721, the USPS Shipping Equity Act. Current competitors of the Postal Service are allowed to deliver alcoholic beverages to consumers, but the Postal Service is denied this revenue source. It is a fairness issue. H.R. 3721 gives the potential for a new source of revenue to the Postal Service to help keep it financially viable for the future. Once again, I ask that you consider becoming a co-sponsor of H.R. 3721.

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]