

Postal Service Reform Act Passes House! On to the Senate!

On February 8, the *Postal Service Reform Act of 2021* (H.R. 3076) passed with overwhelming support in the House of Representatives by a vote of 342-92. “After 15 years of fighting for much-needed and long-overdue reforms, we are one step away from securing a critical victory for postal workers, the Postal Service and the public who rely on us,” said APWU President Mark Dimondstein. “The strong bipartisan support for this legislation is a testament to the unrivaled service postal workers provide to people and communities across this country, no matter who we are or where we live.”

The Postal Reform bill will place the United States Postal Service on the path toward financial stability by repealing the onerous and financially debilitating pre-funding mandate, ensuring six-day delivery, adding much-needed transparency to postal operations, and maximizing participation in Medicare — a program which the Postal Service and its employees have contributed over \$34 billion toward — by enacting prospective Medicare integration. Postal Reform is fair to active and retired postal workers and is a crucial development in the fight to preserve and strengthen our Postal Service.

The bill now moves to the Senate where the “Postal Service Reform Act (PSRA) S. 1720” has already received bipartisan support. It’s taken years of effort to get this far. Now we need to raise our collective voices to make sure the Senate moves quickly to pass the PSRA and send it to President Biden’s desk. The APWU is urging all postal workers and our allies to call our senators and urge them to vote ‘yes’ on Postal Reform to strengthen the public Postal Service.

Please call your Senator’s office at 844-402-1001.

“The American Postal Workers Union extends our appreciation to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Committee on Oversight and Reform Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney, and Ranking Member James Comer—all of whom made forward movement on this bill a reality,” said APWU Legislative and Political Director Judy Beard.

APWU’s Legislative and Political Department is proud of the work carried out by APWU members, the other postal unions, community organizations, and our allies for the efforts leading up to House passage of this bill. “Thanks to our collective efforts, we are closer than ever to securing the most pivotal piece of postal legislation in generations,” said APWU President Mark Dimondstein.

Go to apwu.org/postal-reform-act-2021 or scan the QR code below to learn more.



Reminder: Vote on the Tentative Agreement!

The ratification ballots to vote on the Tentative National Agreement (Union Contract) have been mailed and are currently arriving to the member’s homes.

For your vote to be counted, the ballots must be received no later than 9am on Wednesday, February 23rd, at the offices of the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

Ballots were mailed to the addresses on file. If you have not received your ballot, please contact

AAA by calling 1-800-529-5218 or 1-800-273-0726 between the hours of 9am to 5pm. ET, Monday through Friday.

To encourage participation in the contract ratification process, the national union will offer incentives to the locals that are most successful in mobilizing members to vote. To be eligible, locals must reach a voter participation level of at least 50%.

We encourage members to vote “YES” to approve the new union contract, but most importantly, we urge you to vote, and have your voices heard!