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### House Representatives Feel Strong About Improving Mail Services for Homes & Businesses

The United States Postal Service (USPS) is a national treasure, enshrined in the Constitution and supported by the American people. Without any taxpayer funding, the USPS serves 161.4 million households and businesses each day. This country depends on the postal service to “bind the nation together,” connecting people and businesses in numerous ways - collecting, sorting, and delivering medicine, health information, financial and legal transactions, census forms, election mail, greeting cards, letters, periodicals, pension and stimulus checks, and e-commerce packages.

The postal service has a universal service obligation to provide the nation with affordable, universal mail service to all. However, chronic underinvestment and efforts to privatize the postal service threaten USPS’ ability to carry out its universal service obligation. That’s why we must fight off attempts to further degrade service and secure reforms which will improve service standards and mail delivery.

Congress urgently needs to pass measures to ensure quality mail delivery by restoring service standards to 2012 levels and ensuring the continuation of door delivery and ensure 6-day delivery.

#### House Resolution 119

If passed, H.Res. 119 would express the House’s support of USPS taking all appropriate measures to restore its 2012 service standards.

**Lead Sponsor:**

**Rep. David McKinley (D-WV-01)**  
Currently has 124 co-sponsors.

**Why is this resolution important?**

- Prompt and reliable nationwide mail service is critical to retaining business, growing business and satisfying customers.
- Delayed mail will continue to drive business away from USPS and to its competitors.
- By requiring the mail to be transported further distances, USPS’s mail slowdown plan has increased transportation costs and has sometimes caused the agency to lose money. It’s vital we reverse course.
- E-commerce operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week; the USPS should be using its unique network to increase services to businesses and residential customers to accommodate the changing world we live in.

#### House Resolution 109

If passed, H.Res. 109 would express the House’s support of USPS taking all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers.

**Lead Sponsor:**

**Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-07)**  
Currently has 149 co-sponsors.

**Why is this resolution important?**

- Converting existing door-delivery to centralized delivery points is wildly unpopular among small business and residential delivery customers.
- The USPS’ brand is its best asset; that brand is trusted by the American people at their door and inside their businesses, not at a neighborhood cluster box.
- Revenue is generated everyday by Letter Carriers who connect with business owners and other customers at the door.

**Ask your member of Congress how they fight to improve service standards and mail delivery.**

#### House Resolution 114

If passed, H.Res. 114 would express the House’s support of USPS taking all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service.

**Lead Sponsor:**

**Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11)**  
Currently has 153 co-sponsors.

**Why is this resolution important?**

- Eliminating Saturday delivery will drive business and revenue away. Many mailers target Saturday delivery, sending coupons and circulars to be used over the weekend.
- USPS provides affordable last-mile delivery for UPS, FedEx and Amazon to every delivery point in the country, partnerships that have been extremely successful. Without Saturday delivery these companies will find alternate, more expensive means of delivery.
- The Postal Service is delivering in some places 7-days a week and is offering same-day delivery through partnerships. Eliminating Saturday delivery is counterproductive to the thriving e-commerce business the Postal Service is part of.

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