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Bills To Cosponsor

The National Association of Postal Supervisors encourages House and Senate lawmakers to cosponsor the following respective bills:

H.R. 756, Postal Service Reform Act of 2017

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT-3, retired), introduced Jan. 31, 2017

Contact: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, 202-225-5074

This bill is the primary vehicle of postal reform. It seeks to restore the financial solvency and improve the governance of the U.S. Postal Service in order to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail. It would provide financial reforms, including the realignment of the financing of the Retiree Health Benefits Fund and USPS pension payments, the integration of postal employee and retiree health benefits with Medicare and the fostering of innovation in Postal Service products and services. It also would reduce the size of the Board of Governors of the Postal Service to five members.

H.R. 760, Postal Service Financial Improvement Act of 2017

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA-8)

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The bill would authorize the investment of Postal Service Retirement Health Benefit Fund assets in index funds offered by the Thrift Savings Plan. This would modernize how these funds are invested and bring these investment practices in line with private-sector business and investment practices.

H.R. 942, Postal Employee Appeal Rights Amendments Act

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-VA-11), introduced Feb. 7, 2017

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The bill confers to approximately 7,500 non-supervisory managerial postal employees the right to appeal significant personnel actions to the Merit Systems Protection Board. Non-supervisory postal personnel currently may only appeal such actions through an internal USPS process that lacks impartial third-party review. Postal supervisory personnel and nearly all federal civil service employees already enjoy MSPB appeal rights.

H.R. 3617, Providing Opportunities for Savings, Transactions, and Lending Act of 2017 or the POSTAL Act of 2017

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA-2), introduced July 26, 2017

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The bill expands the specific powers of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to include the provision of basic financial services, including: (1) small-dollar loans; (2) checking accounts, interest-bearing savings accounts, and services relating to international money transfers, each of which may be provided by the USPS alone or in partnership with depository institutions and credit unions; (3) other basic financial services as appropriate in the public interest; and (4) the creation of a Postal Card that allows users to engage in such financial services.

H.R. 4024, United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14)

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This bill authorizes the mailing of alcoholic beverages by a covered entity in accordance with the delivery requirements otherwise applicable to a privately carried shipment. "Covered entity" is defined as an entity that has registered with, obtained a permit from, or obtained approval of an application from the Department of the Treasury pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act or the Internal Revenue Code provisions regarding alcohol, tobacco, and certain other excise taxes. The bill directs the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to prescribe regulations: (1) requiring such mailing to be through a means that ensures direct delivery to a duly authorized agent at a postal facility or to the addressee, who must be at least 21 years of age and present a valid, government-issued photo identification at the time of delivery; (2) prohibiting such alcoholic beverages from being for resale or any other commercial purpose; and (3) requiring such covered entity to certify that the mailing is not in violation of applicable laws or regulations and to provide other information as directed by the USPS, including with respect to the prepayment of state alcohol beverage taxes.