

NAPS HILL MEETING TALKING POINTS

THANK YOU ... for meeting with us. We're here to talk with you about the Postal Service and service to your constituents. Here are some materials that are associated with our message today. ***[Provide NAPS Issue Brief. If available, also provide Tablet with slides ready to view and swipe.]***

SLIDE 1 - CAPITOL

We are members of the National Association of Postal Supervisors. We are not a union; we are a postal management association. Our members supervise and manage the mail processing, delivery, retail and support functions of the Postal Service. We play a critical role in assuring that your constituents receive the best service possible. More than 500 Postal Supervisors are meeting with Congressional offices on the Hill this week.

NOTE: Talk about the postal facility or facilities where you work and their role.

SLIDE 2 – CONSTITUTION AND THE POSTAL SERVICE

As you may know, the Postal Service and the nation's system of post offices are established by the Constitution.

SLIDE 3 – OTHER THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE POSTAL SERVICE

In addition, the Postal Service is NOT taxpayer-funded. By law, the Postal Service is self-funded and has operated that way since 1970. Our revenues come from sales of postage and mail products, not taxes. Americans pay for postal service at a cost far less than anywhere else in the industrialized world.

Also, The Postal Service is one of our most trusted and important government agencies. We provide universal service six, sometimes seven, days a week to every corner of America, no matter how small or remote.

The Postal Service supports millions of jobs in virtually every other sector of our economy. Postal jobs contribute to the economic vitality of your Congressional District and our state.

[Provide the USPS Economic Impact Statement and fill in the slots below.]

_____ jobs and _____ tax dollars are generated by the Postal Service in our Congressional district.

_____ jobs and _____ tax dollars are generated throughout our state.

SLIDE 4 – URGENT NEED FOR POSTAL REFORM

First Class mail volume losses, along with continued growth in delivery points, and unaffordable legally-mandated retiree health pre-funding payments, have continued to produce net financial losses for the Postal Service. In 2012, the Postal Service reached its \$15 billion borrowing ceiling and has been forced to default its mandated pre-funding payments. At the same time, the Postal Service has consolidated its processing network, modified post office service hours, reduced its workforce and taken other actions to achieve cost savings and efficiencies within its business model and legal obligations.

Without fundamental legislative reform, the Postal Service will continue to face defaults on its mandated payments and an uncertain future. Congress needs to enact postal reform legislation that removes the barriers that harm the Postal Service's financial health and puts the Postal Service on a more sustainable fiscal path

SLIDE 5 – POSTAL REFORM AND H.R. 756

NAPS supports the major postal reform bill – H.R. 756. PLEASE COSPONSOR THIS BILL.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz introduced H.R. 756 (R-UT) along with five other leading Republicans and Democrats on the House Oversight and Government Reform (HOCR) Committee; Energy and Commerce; and Ways and Means.

H.R. 756 would:

- Modify the burdensome USPS retiree health benefit pre-funding arrangement and stretch out the pre-funding obligation over 40 years.** This mandate has accounted for most of the Postal Service's losses since 2007. The Postal Service has already pre-funded more than \$50 billion, despite defaulting on the annual payment five years in a row.
- Require OPM to use postal-specific workforce data in calculating the Postal Service's pension costs and liabilities**
- Integrate Medicare and FEHBP health coverage for postal retirees, achieving USPS cost savings and full value for retirees**
- Allow First-Class mail rates to increase by 2.15%, a partial restoration of the earlier exigency postage rate**
- Authorize USPS service relationships with state, local and tribal governments to provide payment and other services through post offices.**
- Assure that all USPS-EAS management employees have the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board (currently 7500 managers are locked out)**

[PULL OUT THE “BILLS TO COSPONSOR” SHEET FROM THE PACKET]

SLIDE 6 – BILLS TO COSPONSOR

We are asking House and Senate lawmakers to cosponsor all the bills referenced on this sheet. We would appreciate your taking a closer look and joining these bills.

SLIDE 7 – MSPB APPEAL RIGHTS

Among these bills is H.R. 942, the Postal Employee Appeal Rights Amendments Act would standardize Merit Systems Protection Board appeal rights for all postmasters and postal supervisors and managers. A provision to achieve the same outcome is also contained in the postal reform bill.

Before we leave, we are inviting lawmakers and staff to visit (or revisit) our local postal facilities to see and learn about the challenges we face in assuring the timely delivery of mail to homes and businesses in our district/state.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR LISTENING TO US.

[Take photos, exchange business cards, etc.]

GETTING TO CAPITOL HILL ON METRO

Depart from the Crystal City Metro Station, which is easily accessible from the Crystal Gateway Marriott through the hotel lobby corridor attached to the Crystal City Underground. In the Crystal City Underground, follow the signs to the Metro.

House Office Buildings (Cannon, Longworth or Rayburn)

Destination – Capitol South (Blue or Orange Line)

- From the Crystal City Metro Station, take the Yellow Line in direction of Mt. Vernon Square or Gallery Place
- Transfer at L'Enfant Plaza to the Blue or Orange Line in the direction of New Carrollton (Orange Line) or Addison Road (Blue Line)
- Depart at Capitol South Metro Stop

Senate Office Buildings (Russell, Dirksen or Hart)

Destination -- Union Station (Red Line)

- From the Crystal City Metro Station, take the Yellow Line in the direction of Mt. Vernon Square or Gallery Place
- Transfer at Gallery Place to the Red Line in the direction of Silver Spring or Glenmont
- Depart at Union Station Metro Stop

SNACKS AND DOWNTIME ON THE HILL

Senate Side

Dirksen SOB	Cafeteria on Basement Level	Dirksen Tunnel Connection
Dirksen SOB	Senate Cafe	Dirksen G-21

House Side

Longworth HOB	Longworth Food Court	Room B223
Rayburn HOB	Rayburn Cafeteria	B357
Rayburn HOB	Gourmet Deli	B326

U.S. Capitol Visitors Center -- Cafeteria