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The Honorable Stephen Lynch
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: The Wounded Warrior Federal Leave Act, H.R. 5229

Dear Congressman Lynch:

I write on behalf of the National Association of Postal Supervisors to express our appreciation for your leadership in introducing the Wounded Warrior Federal Leave Act, H.R. 5229. We support this bipartisan legislation, which would provide sick leave on an advanced basis to qualified disabled veterans serving in their first year of employment as federal employees.

This legislation will help to ensure that federally-employed disabled veterans possess an adequate leave balance early in their tenure to permit them to consult with their physicians and receive ongoing medical treatment. Because federal employees begin their service with a zero balance of sick leave and accumulate four hours of leave in each succeeding pay period, it is difficult for disabled veterans to possess a sufficient leave balance at the beginning of their tenure to accommodate their medical needs. Your legislation will address this situation, while providing sufficient safeguards to assure this benefit's proper use.

The U.S. Postal Service is one of the largest employers of veterans in the nation. Approximately one-third of its employees served in the military, and some have made sacrifices that have brought about long-lasting disabilities. Your legislation will provide rightful attention and assistance to these wounded veterans who continue to serve their nation employment with the U.S. Postal Service or the federal government. We proudly endorse it.

Sincerely,

Louis M. Atkins
National President