

NAPS Department of Legislative & Political Affairs

The NAPS Legislative and Political Affairs Department amplifies the voice of EAS level postal employee on Capitol Hill, at the White House and with the Postal Regulatory Commission. In addition, through the Supervisors Political Action Committee (SPAC), NAPS helps elect and re-elect NAPS allies in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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NAPS Legislative Representative Guide



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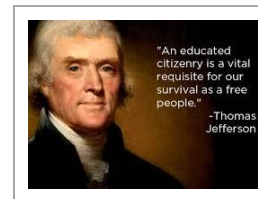
Representatives and Senators are elected to represent you, but you need to let them know what you want. Members of Congress make decisions every day that impact NAPS members and their families. Legislative advocacy informs them of our priorities.

Political Action



The most effective way to hold our elected leaders accountable is support or oppose their re-election. Voting NAPS interests at the polls are fundamental, but also financially supporting them through the Supervisors Political Action Committee (SPAC) is key.

Informed Membership



Informed NAPS members are the best advocates and activists to support legislation and policies that benefit EAS postal employees and family members. NAPS affords its members multiple channels to educate themselves about our key issues.

Tools of Legislative Engagement

Engaging with our elected representatives is fundamental to our democracy. A short time ago, the primary means of communications for legislative engagement was letter-writing. Although still effective, the legislative process moves so quickly and digital communications has become some pervasive that NAPS members need to embrace all pathways to reach their elected officials.

"That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part."

Thomas Jefferson

The Means to Engage with Members of Congress

- Letters mailed to members of Congress are still an effective tool for engagement if the legislative issue does not demand immediacy. It's best to send the letter to the local office and the office will forward to Washington.
- Phone calls to the Washington office are effective if the message is not too complicated. The Capitol Switchboard is 202-224-3121.
- Use the NAPS Legislative Action Center for communicating on issues which are part of a NAPS-supported legislative campaign
- Each member of Congress has a message portal on their website for communicating with the office.

The NAPS Legislative Representative – You're the Essential Link

Link to Congress



NAPS Legislative Representatives should communicate often with their members of Congress to share key NAPS-promoted information and access the official's views on this material.

Link to NAPS Members



NAPS Legislative Representatives should communicate regularly with members of their local branch and state branch legislative and political information, and to promote SPAC, NAPS' political action fund.

Link to NAPS Legislative & Political Department



NAPS Legislative Representatives should share legislative information gathered from congressional contacts with the NAPS Legislative Team, and assist in the sending of SPAC receipts to NAPS Headquarters.

You Will Make a Difference

A Frontline Warrior for EAS Interests

Whether you volunteered, or were elected or appointed, thank you for taking the time and making the commitment to ensure that NAPS' legislative priorities are amplified in Washington and within your own branch. The future of the Postal Service is in your hands.

*“Congress shall have the power to
...establish Post Offices and post Roads”*

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

Reminding Elected Officials to Do Their Job

Congress is empowered with the sacred obligation to ensure the viability of universal, prompt and affordable postal system. The founding members of our country enshrined this duty in our constitution. Also, members of Congress are stewards of the benefits earned by NAPS members. A change in the law can jeopardize those benefits.

- Congress must ensure the continued viability of a government-run high-quality, universal, prompt and affordable mail system
- Congress must safeguard the earned benefits of EAS level postal employees
- The White House, in collaboration with Congress, must nominate to the USPS Board of Governors and Postal Regulatory Commission individuals committed to a quality and accountable USPS

Keeping Informed

NAPS uses multiple media channels to help inform you of the most up-to-date legislative and political information.

- The **Postal Supervisor** magazine is sent monthly to each NAPS member. In addition, back issues are posted on the NAPS Website under “Members”
- **NAPS Chat** is NAPS' own podcast provides timely legislative and political information, with guests that include national officers, members of Congress and other noteworthy visitors. NAPS Chat is available on all major podcast platforms and is posted on NAPS Website under “Legislative Center”
- The **NAPS Legislative Center**, which is located on the NAPS Website provides a wide variety of legislative a political information
 - The **Legislative Action Center** list ongoing legislative campaigns in which we seek NAPS member engagement, and search engine that locate bills and identify members of Congress
 - The **Legislative Training Seminar** page provides information regarding the upcoming and the immediate past LTS
 - The **SPAC** page provides important documents and information relating to SPAC contributions, and enables NAPS members to contribute to SPAC online
 - The **NAPS Supported Legislation** page provides a list of House and Senate bills supported by NAPS, with a link to a bill summary, bill status and list of cosponsors. In addition, the page provides a search engine for federal and state legislation.