

## Marilyn's June 2020 Blog

***In the Constitution of the United States the First Amendment Section 7 states the Congress shall have Power To:***

***Establish Post Offices and Post Roads etc. As Postal employees and our stake holders express concerns about the financial health of the Postal Service, this written provision in the Constitution establishes the need for the agency, the only Federal agency listed. We now need Congress and the Senate to pass legislation that will finally result in the financial stability of the US Postal Service.***

**On May 26, House Government Oversight and Reform Committee Chair Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)**, House Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Subcommittee Ranking Member Peter King (R-NY) and House Subcommittee on Government Operations Chair Gerry Connolly (D-VA) introduced "The Postal Preservation Act" (**H.R. 7015**). This legislation is "**stand alone**" U.S. Postal Service emergency legislation to provide pandemic-related relief to the agency. The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged postal revenue, placing the Postal Service and the services it provide in imminent jeopardy.

H.R. 7015 would make a \$25 billion emergency appropriation to the USPS and prioritize the acquisition of protective equipment for its employees. The bill also would authorize Inspector General oversight of the appropriated funds. These same provisions were included in the House-passed HEROES Act, H.R. 6800. Earlier this month, the HEROES Act passed by a 208-199, but failed to achieve bipartisan support because of provisions unrelated to postal relief. Many lawmakers who voted NO indicated that would have supported the postal provisions had they been voted on separately and, thus, the postal aid would have received overwhelming bipartisan support. Consequently, Maloney, King and Connolly introduced the H.R. 7015 to demonstrate bipartisan House support of such emergency postal aid to persuade the Senate leadership and the President to include emergency postal relief in the next COVID-19 bill, which is currently being drafted in the Senate.

NAPS urges its members to immediately contact their elected representatives to cosponsor and support HR 7015. In addition, we continue to ask NAPS members to urge their senators to support pandemic-related emergency postal relief.

**The United States Postal Service Mission statement** was updated April 1, 2020 by the Board of Governors (BOG) this statement references the History, Mission and the Carrying out of the Mission of USPS. However there was one omission as outline in Section 101 (d) Title 39 "**Postal rates shall be established to apportion the costs of all postal operations to all users of the mail on a fair and equitable basis**" ***Since we have a completely new USPS BOG is this an early indication of major changes? Don't know asking for friend! Stay alert.***

**COVID-19, Activist Protests and Civil Unrest USPS Daily Touch point Zoom meetings**— ***Area Office and Local USPS Leadership have been conducting daily meetings to ensure the lines of communication are open to Management Associations and Unions. Area organization representatives have been asked to request local representatives address any COVID or Civil unrest issues immediately at the local level. The Inspection Service is committed to ensure the safety of Employees and USPS property.***

***The virus has not ended as of June 5th nationally the Postal Service had 5,490 cases/incident, 931 confirmed. Pacific Area recorded 1688 cases/incidents, 139 confirmed, 8 unconfirmed, 1258 returned work (since March) It is good to know that so many employees have recovered and returned to work. However we still continue to record additional cases. As we slowly begin to return to some semblance of normalcy continue to practice social distancing, wear your gloves and mask and wash your hands. Stay safe!***

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A recent Harris survey conducted on the United States Postal Service (USPS) rates the agency **number 1** in service, reputation, responsiveness and stability! Neither rain, snow, COVI-19, Protests and Civil Unrest keeps USPS employees from completing their mission of delivering service to our customers!

**SPAC**—Don't forget to donate to the Supervisor Political Action Committee even though our NAPS branches are meeting virtual on Zoom and telecoms we still need to collect funding. 2020 is a National election year we need to contribute funds to support those legislators that support positive postal legislation and employees job security.

***In Solidarity***

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