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STATEMENT OF NAPS PRESIDENT LOUIS ATKINS ON THE INTRODUCTION OF POSTAL REFORM LEGISLATION BY SEN. TOM CARPER

Last week, Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), introduced S. 2051, the Improving Postal Operations, Service and Transparency Act of 2015 (iPost). S. 2051 represents a thoughtful and constructive proposal that addresses the foremost challenges facing the United States Postal Service. Those challenges include the need to address declining service, diversify product offerings and secure long term financial stability.

We applaud Senator Carper for his continued efforts to bring critically needed reform to the finances and operations of the Postal Service. Many of the bill's solutions represent the product of consensus within the postal community and deserve bipartisan support. There is much in the bill to like, including the repeal of the burdensome prefunding mandate. NAPS especially appreciates the inclusion of several provisions important to our members, including the expansion of MSPB appeal rights and the clarification of the Postal Service's obligations during the pay consultative process with management organizations.

We look forward to continuing to work with Senator Carper, Chairman Ron Johnson and their staffs in the weeks ahead toward further improving the bill, particularly in connection with the bill's proposed creation of a Postal Service-only health plan and its integration with Medicare. Our efforts will continue to seek to align the Postal Service on a path toward sustainability, profitability and prosperity.

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