



NAPS Advocacy Call to Action - Aug. 29, 2014

Tell Your House Member: Support the Moratorium Stopping the Closure of 82 USPS Mail Processing Plants

NAPS requests everyone to urge their Member of the House of Representatives to co-sign a [letter](#) circulating in the House in support of a one-year moratorium on the closure and consolidation of 82 mail processing facilities.

The Postal Service-announced processing facility closures, spread among 37 states, will begin in January 2015. (For a list of the 82 facilities planned for closure, [click here](#).)

This is a time-sensitive NAPS call to action. It's critical that messages to House Members be sent now. To send a message to your House Member urging them to co-sign the moratorium letter, please [click here](#).

NAPS [supports](#) the moratorium and [opposes](#) the scale of the closure initiative because it will slow down the nation's mail service, further dismantle the network, and eliminate more than 15,000 middle-class jobs. Cost savings are important, but the plan will largely eliminate overnight First Class mail delivery in affected areas, in reliance upon service standards USPS [recently degraded](#). Veterans also will be hurt, since veterans are not entitled to any preference or future employment rights when postal facilities are closed. A one-year moratorium will give Congress time to wrap-up work on pending postal

reform legislation.

The [House letter](#) promoting the moratorium, spearheaded by 5 House Republicans and 5 House Democrats, has drawn the support of 54 House Members so far. (To see if your House Member has yet co-signed the letter, [click here](#).) The letter will soon be sent to the leaders of the House Appropriations Committee urging them to insert the moratorium in a catchall government funding bill Congress is expected to pass in September. We need to add more co-signers in a short time, prior to the return of House lawmakers to Washington on September 8.

Fifty Senators already have sent a [similar letter](#) to Senate Appropriations Committee leaders urging the inclusion of similar provision in the Senate version of the government funding legislation.

NAPS needs every one of its members to raise their voices. Please forward this message to your colleagues, relatives and friends to ask them to contact their House Members. A shrinking postal network will generate higher mail transportation costs and risk the loss of processing speed and overnight First Class mail delivery in many parts of the country.

Once again, ask your House Member to stand up for timely mail service and a robust postal network by [clicking here](#). Thank you for taking action.

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