



**The Slope**  
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## **Legislative Updates**

### **House passes Postal Service Reform Act**

**Feb 08, 2022**

In a 342-92 vote the House of Representatives passed the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 (H.R. 3076). NALC President Fredric Rolando called the passage “a huge victory for the American people, who rely on the Postal Service for affordable and high-quality universal service.”

The strongly bipartisan bill includes key measures to strengthen the Postal Service, including provisions that eliminate the mandate on the Postal Service to pre-fund its retiree health care benefits decades in advance and that codify the requirement to provide six-day mail delivery. It also includes provisions to reduce postal health care costs by maximizing participation in Medicare on a prospective basis.

The legislation, which was drafted by Committee on Oversight and Reform (COR) Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Ranking Member James Comer (R-KY), COR Subcommittee Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and Committee on Education and Labor Ranking Member and COR member Virginia Foxx (R-NC), reflects a broad bipartisan consensus that was 12 years in the making and that has the support of the four postal unions, the mailing industry and Postal Service management.

“NALC commends Chairwoman Maloney and Ranking Member Comer for their bipartisan leadership to get this momentous bill passed in the House,” NALC President Rolando said. “We also appreciate every House member who supported this bill by voting “yes.”

“With House passage, we are one step closer to dramatically improving the financial stability of the Postal Service. We call on the Senate to debate and pass H.R. 3076 as soon as possible—and then to send it to President Biden for his signature.

“I want to congratulate and thank all the NALC members who lobbied their members of Congress to win House passage and urge them to help finish the job by contacting their senators to urge them to vote for H.R. 3076.”

This is good news for all of us. We are one step closer to the final outcome, it looks favorable for the post office and the carriers. We must get more active now by contacting your representatives by emails, letters, and phone calls, again really simple to do. If you need help with doing the contacts, please contact any officer and they would be more than happy, go to the website, [cosalc.org](http://cosalc.org) there is all the contacts with phone numbers, and email addresses everything you would need.

To show you how dedicated the Colorado State Association is, our leadership, President Danielle-Fake Mormon, Vice President, Doug Jaynes, Director of Education, Rick Byrne, and Phil Wickman the Liaison representing CD 2. This team traveled to Washington, DC, to lobby for all the carriers, and the post office expressing the problems with the prefunding issue asking for their sponsorship and asking for a vote in favor to

stop the prefunding issue HR3076 and telling them how it is destroying the postal service.

**UPDATE:**

Since the writing of the above article, the HR 3076 bill went to the floor and was passed. 74 senators voted to debate the bipartisan bill which passed in the house of Representatives on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Now it moves forward to the next step, great news!

Even though the passing of this bill, the fight is far from over. Keep on with the contacts you have been doing all along, it is working, thank you. In being an activist, you are helping not only your fellow carriers, but yourself.

**REMINDER**

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