

Senator Claire McCaskill
717 Hart Senate Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill

Hello my name is _____. I am a letter carrier and constituent in the state of Missouri. I am writing to share our views as a letter carrier and as an NALC member concerning the Postal Service's Action Plan. I want to relay to you that the Letter Carriers positions are:

Oppose to the elimination of Saturday delivery. It would adversely affect small businesses, senior citizens and people who rely on prescription drugs delivered through the mail and it would unnecessarily eliminate tens of thousands of good jobs. I urge you to oppose the elimination of Saturday delivery or to refrain from taking a position on it until Congress and the Postal Regulatory Commission have time to carefully study the issue before making any hasty decisions that will strike at the core of the United States Postal Service and its mission.

In support of many components of the USPS action plan: For example, NALC fully supports Congressional action to fix the onerous and unfair retiree health benefit pre-funding schedule. The payment schedule was based on flawed OPM methods and is the biggest financial challenge facing the Postal Service today costing \$5.5 billion per year. In addition, we agree with Postal Service regarding the over-funded CSRS pension fund. A recent OIG study concluded that the Postal Service CSRS pension fund remains over-funded by \$75 billion. A transfer of these funds to the retiree health benefit fund would fully fund that liability and place the Postal Service on firm footing going forward.

The NALC and the USPS have effectively responded to the economic crisis over the past 18 months in a flexible way within our existing labor contract and will continue to do so when the contract is renegotiated in 2011. For example, we negotiated MIARAP an expedited process to align routes with mail volume levels.

I hope you will consider the views of the NALC and customers before taking any position on the Action Plan. Congress should not interfere with postal collective bargaining as provided for by law. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely