



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Everyone,

This is a Legislative ALERT. Please review the following information and take the action requested as soon as possible. Congress is back from their August recess and although their plates are considerably full with a myriad of issues the Postal Service relief bill is back on the front burner. This afternoon (Sept 9th, 2009) the House staff met to iron out a stop gap procedure to provide the USPS with at least some albeit short term fiscal relief. In light of the critical timing for the Postal Service with just a mere 21 days before the end of its fiscal year, it is imperative that everyone support this upcoming measure.

Here are the particulars:

- 1) The House Committee Chairman will propose an Amended HR 22 reducing the term to a 1 year fix. This 1 year fix will cover only FY 2009.
- 2) The October 1st, 2009 payment will be reduced from \$5.4 Billion to \$1.4 Billion.
- 3) The reasoning behind this "stop gap" is to prevent the very same scoring that has prevented a full version of HR 22 from passing.
- 4) The National League of Postmasters firmly and strongly supports this measure.
- 5) The word we must get to all our House Representatives (every one of them) is "Please Pass NOW."

The anticipation is that this will be introduced within the next couple of days and expect action (a vote) by next Tuesday, so the time to ACT is NOW. Contact your Congressmen and ask for their support, even if they are already Co-Sponsors on HR 22. Remember this is an amended stop gap version and alone it will neither save nor provide long term relief, but it does give us another year to secure any extension or other measures.

This is a short and sweet announcement to get the message out but all the essentials are included in the outline above. Further details will follow from our Legislative Counsel, but we have been tasked with "pulling the trigger on this ALERT out to the field. Thank you for your support. I know we can count upon every League member to help support this relief effort.

Sincerely,

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NLPM Legislative Chair