

Dear All,

This email is being sent to the Board, Chapter Presidents and Legislative Chairs,

Subsequent to last night's Board telecon, I drafted the attached two letters to serve as the **MINIMUM** "ask letter" for Members of Congress. These letters cannot and should not be a substitute for DIRECT congressional contact.

Letter 1 is geared towards Representatives and Senators who did not sponsor the Postmasters Equity Act; Letter 2 goes to those Members of Congress who did. I am re-attaching the congressional ask memo for your convenience. It may be shared with Congressional offices.

There is not enough time to mail the letters and get congressional action prior the Easter recess, which begins a week from today. Consequently, call the Representative's or Senator's "Postal Point Person" (**PPP**) -- that is, the person with whom you met during the Leadership Conference -- and request their email address or fax number, so you may transmit the pertinent material. Stay in touch with the PPP next week and push them to send the comments to the designated USPS addressee (it is **not** the PMG, though the PMG can get a copy of the comments). If possible, ask them to share the submitted comments with you. As I have reviewed the "Lobbying Reports," I note the large number of congressional offices that indicated support of rural post offices; now, let's make them prove it. Please forward submitted Congressional comments to me, when shared with you.

PPP follow-up is crucial to the success of this effort.

Moreover, you may enlist communities and civic associations to file comments on the post office issue, focusing on how consolidation will deny communities vital postal service, and preclude them from exercising their statutory due process rights. For the community effort, you may use the Post Office Talking Points Document.

Please keep me posted on your success!

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