

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I just returned from the Spring State Chair's Conference that was held in Washington from April 3 to 6th. It was an interesting time to be in the nation's capital. While most people were focused on a possible government shutdown, we were lobbying our Senators and Congressmen about postal issues.

HR 1351 was introduced the day we visited Capitol Hill. The bill would require OPM to determine the amount that the Postal Service has overpaid into the Civil Service and FERS for postal employees and allow the Postal Service to apply that money to its obligation to pre-fund retiree health care benefits. Information about the bill can be found at www.nalc.org.

This would put the Postal Service on solid financial ground. Why is that important?

Besides saving your job and future retirement, perhaps it would slow postal management's call for a cut to 5 day delivery, maybe they would stop trying to consolidate mail processing plants that would erode our service, and maybe they would even hire some new career carriers so we can enjoy a day off.

You can help by contacting your Congressman and ask him to support HR 1351. The contact information is on our home page at www.iowalettercarriers.org. It's just a simple phone call to their office in Washington. Identify yourself as a letter carrier who lives in their district and tell the person who picks up the phone that you want your Congressman to support HR 1351.

We all know how to make a phone call, and if enough of us do so we could save our job. Don't depend on your brothers and sisters to do it for you – we need all of our voices to be heard.

In Unionism,

Jim Beach

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