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Dear Friends:

I want to thank everyone that is contributing to today's National Day of Action To Save America's Postal Service. The United States Postal Service (USPS) has been and continues to be a foundational cornerstone of American commerce and communication. There is no way around the fact that our nation's postal service greatly facilitates and contributes to our economic vitality. Action must be taken to ensure the stability and continued operation of USPS in a way that also protects the hard working men and women that support it.

While USPS faces financial challenges, and some unsound solutions such as ceasing Saturday delivery and closing post offices have been proposed, there remain some common sense answers that we can put into action today. I am a proud cosponsor of two pieces of legislation before Congress that will provide significant reforms to ensure USPS's financial soundness and that will protect the jobs that not only boost local economies but which sustain the critical operations of USPS.

The United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act, H.R. 1351, will correct a decades old accounting error. The Office of Personnel Management has been overcharging USPS by billions of dollars for payments into the Civil Service Retirement System. This bill takes major steps to correct this error and, in the process, allows USPS to overcome it's a major financial challenge. This bill takes steps that will ensure a financially secure USPS into the future.

The other piece of legislation I have cosponsored, H. Res. 137, urges USPS to take all appropriate measures to continue its 6-day delivery mail service. USPS provides the American people with a fast and efficient mail system. I believe that Saturday delivery is central to this system. I believe it is important for Congress to take a stand and support USPS and their ability to provide service to citizens all over the country.

I stand firmly with, and will continue to stand with, the United States Postal Service and its hard working employees. I remain committed to ensuring that Congress acts to support a strong USPS where its employees receive the protection they have earned.

Sincerely,



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