

National Rural Letter Carriers' Association

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Rural Carriers Rally on Capitol Hill to Defend the U.S. Postal Service from Recent Threats of Privatization

NRLCA Launches National Campaign to Hold Elected Officials Accountable to Rural Constituents

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from noon to 1:00 PM, members of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association (NRLCA) will rally on Capitol Hill to launch a national campaign to **Protect the U.S. Postal Service** (USPS) from privatization. Over 100 rural letter carriers from across the country, in solidarity with members from the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), and the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU), will call on Congress to uphold its duty to protect the Postal Service as an independent agency and equally accessible public good. The rally is part of the NRLCA's national legislative conference and the union's top priority to preserve a vital and beloved institution that serves all Americans, especially rural communities.

This rally follows alarming reports, including a February story in the *Washington Post*, revealing that President Trump is preparing to strip the Postal Service of its independent authority and place it under his administration's control. This move exposes the 250-year-old independent institution to privatization, jeopardizing its ability to serve rural America and allowing political and profit-driven agendas to undermine the public service. The NRLCA's national campaign will seek bipartisan support for legislation such as [H. Resolution 70](#), which affirms USPS's role as a federal institution and opposes privatization. The campaign also aims to hold elected officials accountable to their rural constituents, raise awareness about the stakes in rural communities, and ensure the Postal Service remains independent, free from political influence, and committed to fulfilling its Universal Service Obligation.

While this issue directly impacts rural communities, where USPS plays a critical role, it also has profound implications for postal workers who rely on the institution for good union jobs. Privatization could deprive workers of their earned benefits and bargaining rights, undermining decades of gains made through successful collective bargaining.

WHAT: Rally to launch a national campaign to protect the Postal Service from privatization and hold elected officials accountable to rural constituents.

WHO (In Order of Speaking):

- **Rep. Budzinski** (D-IL), U.S. Representative
- **Rep. Garbarino** (R-NY), U.S. Representative
- **Rep. Stauber** (R- MN), U.S. Representative
- **Rep. Deluzio** (D-PA), U.S. Representative

- **Tim Thomason**, Rural Carrier, West Virginia
- **Tameka Brown**, Rural Carrier, Louisiana
- **Kevin Tabarus**, NPMHU Secretary-Treasurer
- **Mark Dimondstein**, APWU National President
- **Brian Renfroe**, NALC National President
- **Don Maston**, NRLCA National President
- **Congressional participants (invited, pending confirmation):**
 - **Rep. LaLota** (R-NY), U.S. Representative
 - **Rep. Stevens** (D-MI), U.S. Representative
 - **Rep. Lynch** (D-MA), U.S. Representative
 - **Sen. Sullivan** (R-AK), U.S. Senator
 - **Sen. Peters** (D-MI), U.S. Senator
 - **Sen. Murkowski** (R-AK), U.S. Senator
 - **Sen. Warner** (D-VA), U.S. Senator

WHEN: Tuesday, March 25, 2025, Noon to 1:00 PM

WHERE: Capitol Hill, [Area 11](#) (Across Independence Ave. from the Cannon House Building)

Why This Matters:

The Postal Service is a vital public institution, delivering to over 168 million addresses daily, regardless of where we live, how much we earn, or who we vote for. As a self-sustaining agency, it serves all Americans, rural and urban alike, without taxpayer funding. However, privatization threatens not only access to crucial mail such as prescription drugs, checks, online purchases, and election ballots, but also the livelihoods of postal workers who have dedicated their careers to serving their communities.

As NRLCA President Don Maston explains:

"This is about preserving the American value of universal mail service. If we allow privatization to take root, it would be a devastating blow to rural America and to the men and women who proudly serve as postal workers. These aren't just jobs; they're lifelines for millions, especially in rural communities. We cannot allow the Postal Service to be dismantled for the benefit of corporate interests."

Media Availability:

NRLCA President Maston, along with NRLCA members, are available for interviews. To schedule an interview, please contact Melissa Ray at communications@nrlca.org or 571-480-2641.

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The NRLCA, established in 1903, represents 130,000 rural letter carriers who serve over 51 million residential mailboxes. Rural carriers serve as a "Post Office on Wheels", providing critical mail services to communities across the U.S. and ensuring that even the most remote areas stay connected to the rest of the nation.