

Proposed Resolution No. 5

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Postal Reform

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service continues to find itself in a precarious financial position because of the statutorily-mandated, but unjustified payments required to prefund the Retiree Health Benefits Fund (RHBF); and

WHEREAS, this accounting shortfall has led some opportunists on Capitol Hill, within the Postal Service, and in the private sector to use these circumstances as a pretext to attack the wages and benefits of postal employees and the collective bargaining process itself; and

WHEREAS, these same forces wish to dismantle the Postal Service's processing and delivery network, cut additional career employees, and further reduce the USPS service standards; and

WHEREAS, there are ongoing attempts in Congress to fashion a bipartisan bill that would reform the Postal Service and eliminate many of these financial burdens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the leadership of the NPMHU should continue this Union's active leadership role in supporting meaningful postal reform that will eliminate the pre-funding requirement; stabilize the Postal Service's finances; protect and strengthen the Postal Service's invaluable mail processing, retail, and last-mile delivery networks; and allow the Postal Service to expand its services to meet the evolving needs of the American economy during the 21st century.