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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
110 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: Rural Postal Act of 2015, S. 1742

Dear Senator Heitkamp:

Thank you for your leadership in introducing the Rural Postal Act of 2015, S. 1742. Our association, which represents the interests of postal supervisors and managers, is proud to endorse this measure.

It is critical that mail service to all parts of America, including rural America, remain strong and that we assure the highest-quality, most cost-effective service available. Your legislation restores overnight July 2012 service standards, places a 2-year moratorium on the closure of additional mail processing plants, makes six-day delivery permanent, protects rural post offices from unnecessary closures or reductions in hours, and includes a number of other provisions that ensure that all families and businesses have high-quality mail service, regardless of where they live.

In addition, your legislation properly assures that approximately 7,500 midlevel postal managers may appeal adverse personnel actions to the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board and clarifies that changes to pay and/or benefits, including the termination of a benefit, for managers cannot occur outside the designated time period for pay consultation between the managers' organizations and the Postal Service unless mutually agreed upon.

We look forward to working closely with you and other Senators and stakeholders toward assuring comprehensive postal reform that contributes to the health and vitality of our nation.

Sincerely,

Louis M. Atkins
President