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Maintaining Service Standards

In 2012, the Postal Service came out with the first phase of a network rationalization plan that resulted in the closure of 141 mail processing plants. These closures brought significant decreases in service standards and nearly eliminated all overnight mail delivery. In 2015, the second phase of the plan was introduced that would affect an additional 82 mail processing facilities in 37 states but is currently on hold.

H. Res. 60 was introduced to address the reduced service standards as studies show a substantial percentage of mail delivery is not meeting the current USPS service standards. Without a significant improvement in the financial stability of the Postal Service, the 2015 plan could be resumed. This ill-considered plan will further shrink the Postal Service's network, threatening the principle obligation "to give universal service to the American people."

Delivering mail to each customer in a prompt manner has always been a critical element of the United States Postal Service's commitment to America. Citizens and businesses in rural areas depend on receiving mail in a timely manner. They depend on mail delivery for their communications, e-commerce, financial statements, and medicine. Eliminating overnight delivery hurts the communities and economies that depend on the Postal Service as part of the emerging global economy.

There is bipartisan support among members of Congress backing the restoration of service standards by the Postal Service.

NRLCA Position

The NRLCA supports H. Res. 60 that would restore previous service standards for customers.

Contact Paul Swartz at pswartz@nrlca.org if you have any questions or would like more information on protecting service standards.