



# NRLCA FACT SHEET

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## Preserving 6-Day Mail Delivery

Recently, the Postmaster General of the U.S. Postal Service unveiled a plan to eliminate Saturday mail delivery. While the Postmaster General argues the elimination of Saturday mail delivery will save money, the detrimental impact it would have on customers who utilize the USPS for Saturday delivery would be much worse. In our view, this would only further exacerbate the Postal Service's problems by pushing much needed business out the door which could be replaced by private enterprise. The Postmaster General claims that a move to 5-day mail delivery would save the USPS approximately \$3 billion annually, although many speculate that number to be flawed because it does not consider the loss in volume and business as a result.

Saturday mail delivery is an important communication and marketing tool utilized by millions of citizens and mailers across the country, especially in rural areas. Many customers rely on the USPS to deliver prescription medications on Saturday for the simple reason that they know they will be home to sign for the package. If the USPS eliminates Saturday delivery, the customers are left with two options; the first is to possibly pay a higher price and a surcharge to have another carrier deliver their mail on Saturday, or in some rural areas to drive 40 miles round trip to the Post Office to pick up their mail.

We urge you to co-sponsor H. Res 173, which expresses "...the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service." By supporting this legislation, you will help to save over 50,000 Rural Carrier jobs.

By supporting the continuation of 6-day mail delivery, you will also help preserve the level of service the American public and businesses have come to expect. Citizens and businesses will not pay to use a Postal Service with inconsistent Saturday mail delivery. Reducing delivery from six to five days goes against the principal of the very foundation of the Postal Service, "To give universal service to the American people".

### ***NRLCA Position***

**NRLCA believes that it is essential for Congress to continue to support 6-day mail delivery in order to ensure universal service for American businesses and households.**

**We urge Members of the House to co-sponsor H. Res 173 and Members of the Senate to introduce similar legislation.**

Contact Paul Swartz (Senate) or Kevin Talley (House) if you have any questions or would like more information on this issue.