
Protect Our Pay and Benefits

Stop Senate Bill S. 1507

(Aug. 4, 2009) The U.S. Senate is poised to act this week on a bill that would be devastating for postal workers.

S. 1507, the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Funding Reform Act of 2009, was intended to provide short-term financial relief to the Postal Service, but an amendment has made the bill completely unacceptable to the APWU. The amendment would require arbitrators ruling on postal contracts to take into account the “financial health of the Postal Service.”

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“If the bill passes as written, it will destroy collective bargaining for postal workers,” he added. “I call on every APWU member to e-mail or call their senators immediately to urge them to vote no on S. 1507.”

To Send an e-Mail Message

To e-mail your senator, visit www.apwu.org and click on “Send a Message to Your U.S. Senator.” A sample letter is provided. All you have to do is fill in your name, address, and phone number, and click “Send.” (*Because a vote on the bill is expected this week, local and state activists must move quickly.*)

To Call

To contact your senators, call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 or toll free at 866-338-1015 and ask for your lawmakers’ offices. Ask them to “Vote No on S. 1507.”
