

# American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO

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## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### APWU STRONGLY OPPOSES USPS PRIVATIZATION

Many in the current administration are saying privatization is a quick fix to the problems facing USPS. Selling the Postal Service to the highest bidder would not only lead to a reduction in service and higher postage rates, it would place postal workers' health insurance, retirement benefits, collective bargaining rights, salaries, and jobs in jeopardy. While we know resolutions are not binding, nor law, these resolutions express the strong sense of Congress that the USPS must stay a public service, as intended by the Constitution.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION 70 AND SENATE RESOLUTION 147

*Lead Cosponsors: Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA-08), Rep. Nick LaLota (R-NY-01), Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) and Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)*

These resolutions, introduced in the House on January 28, 2025 and the Senate on March 27, 2025, express the House and Senate's support for taking all appropriate measures to ensure that the Postal Service is not subject to privatization.

Specifically, the resolutions read as follows:

*Expressing the sense of the [House or Senate] that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.*

Privatization would mean the end of our publicly owned and operated USPS, to be replaced in part, or whole, by private corporations interested only in lining their own pockets.

This would also mean the potential elimination of our jobs and our negotiated benefits. Further, it jeopardizes the future of our hard-earned retirement and healthcare benefits.

The establishment of post offices is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution and by law, USPS must provide service to all parts of the nation. Privatizing the Postal Service and eliminating this universal service mandate will have a very real and very negative impact on those who depend on affordable and reliable mail delivery. Privatization would drive up postage rates and lead to reduced service, especially to rural America.

Postal workers and our unions will join with the public to fight for the vibrant, independent, and public Postal Service we all deserve.

**Call Our Legislative Hotline at 1-844-402-1001 and Urge Your Members of Congress to Protect Our Public Postal Service by Supporting H.Res. 70 and S. Res. 147**