



VIDEO: Senate Passes Peters Bipartisan Postal Reform Legislation

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate passed historic, bipartisan legislation led by U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI), Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, to set the United States Postal Service on a more sustainable financial footing and support the goal of providing long-term reliable service across the country. The bill – which has now passed both the House and Senate with strong bipartisan support – would make the first major reforms to the Postal Service in nearly 15 years. After passing the Senate 79 to 19, *The Postal Service Reform Act* now heads to the President's desk to be signed into law.

“By passing this historic legislation, the Senate has shown the American people that we can come together, build consensus, and pass meaningful reforms that will improve lives. This bill, which has been 15 years in the making, will finally help the Postal Service overcome burdensome requirements that threaten their ability to provide reliable service to the American people,” **said Senator Peters**. “I worked closely with the bipartisan leaders of my committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Reform to ensure our reforms could receive significant support from both sides of the aisle – and I was pleased to see a strong bipartisan vote in both chambers. I urge the President to sign this groundbreaking legislation into law – so that we can ensure this historic institution and its dedicated workforce, who have served the American people for more than 250 years, can continue providing invaluable services to every American community for years to come.”



To see video of Senator Peters' remarks prior to passage of the bill, click [here](#).

The Postal Service Reform Act would provide key financial and operational reforms to the United States Postal Service. The bill would eliminate the onerous prefunding requirement that has hurt the Postal Service financially, and integrate postal worker retirees' health care with Medicare. Together, these two reforms would create more than \$49 billion in savings for the Postal Service over the next ten years. In addition, the bill would require the Postal Service to maintain its standard of delivering at least six days a week. The legislation would improve transparency of Postal Service operations to both customers and Congress by requiring the publication of easily accessible local weekly service data on the Postal Service website, as well as regular and detailed reporting to Congress on Postal Service finances and operations. The bill also includes additional provisions for Postal Service effectiveness, accountability and growth.

Peters has fought to protect the Postal Service and its 245-year tradition of mail delivery. In 2020, Peters championed legislation to [secure a \\$10 billion](#) direct payment to the Postal Service to help recover from pandemic-related losses. He also [conducted an investigation](#) into operational changes at the Postal Service in 2020 that resulted in significant delays. Following Peters' investigation, the Postal Service reversed many of these changes and service has significantly improved.