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## Join us on July 23

## Call Congress and Tell Them to Repeal the Prefunding Mandate

On July 23, APWU is mobilizing members and supporters via phone and social media to contact members of Congress about supporting H.R. 2382, the *USPS Fairness Act*.

The day of action will follow A Grand Alliance to Save Our Public Postal Service's Congressional briefing on July 15.

At the briefing, panelists will speak to dozens of Congressional staffers about the importance of repealing the mandate in the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA), which requires the USPS fully prefund retirement benefits for workers 75 years into the future.

The USPS Fairness Act was introduced by Representatives Peter DeFazio (D-OR-04), Tom Reed (R-NY-23), Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM-02), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01) on April 29.

If passed, the bill would repeal, in full, the disastrous and unfair burden that has crippled the Postal Service. The mandate is responsible for 92 percent of the Postal Service's net losses since 2007 and is a constant threat to the financial sustainability of the Postal Service.

Without legislation to repeal the mandate, the public Postal Service remains more vulnerable to partial or full sale to private corporations.



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APWU Members call Congress

In order for the *USPS Fairness Act* to obtain the majority in the House, we only need 70 more co-sponsors.

Make your voice heard. Ask your member of Congress to support the USPS Fairness Act, H.R. 2382. Text REPEAL to 91990 to receive a reminder to call on July 23, or place it on your calendar. You can also sign up to receive an email reminder by going to apwu. org/action. If you prefer, you can email your member of Congress by going to apwu.org/fairness.

On Twitter and Facebook, be sure to also promote H.R. 2382 using #repealprefunding #HR2382 and/or #unfairburden.

Reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors and ask them to call their representatives as well. This legislation affects every American household.



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