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BI-PARTISAN MAJORITY SAYS USPS SHOULD "ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF DOOR DELIVERY FOR ALL BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS" (H.RES 28) AND YET... at-the-door mail delivery may be on the chopping block.

Despite the fact that a majority of the House of Representatives have indicated their support for delivery at the door, the Postal Reform Act of 2017 (HR 756) – which contains a poison pill, Sec. 202, facilitating the elimination of a substantial portion of business and residential door deliveries – came rolling out of committee with a unanimous, bipartisan, do-pass recommendation.

How is it possible that a bipartisan majority (218) has signed onto H.Res. 28 -- "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers" – and yet a bipartisan, unanimous committee vote, by many who are co-sponsors of H.Res.28, recommends a bill which allows the USPS to convert millions of delivery points from at-the-door to cluster box, curbside or sidewalk delivery. Why is HR 756, with 13 co-sponsors, on its way to the floor of the House, when H.Res. 28, with 218 co-sponsors, is bottled up in the same committee?

WE'VE SEEN THIS

We've seen this before. In 2011-2012, the postal unions and allies had assembled a bipartisan majority behind a comprehensive postal bill which would have fixed postal finances, saved 6-day delivery, rural post offices and mail plants. That bill, HR 3591, the Postal Service Protection Act, languished for a year in committee and died. Why? Communities and postal workers were not loud enough, disruptive enough, powerful enough, to force a vote.

Fortunately, we can learn from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), who successfully beat back a Canada Post mandate to eliminate door delivery by paying postal workers lost-time to do community organizing. The CUPW trained and deployed postal workers to organize neighborhood canvassing, rallies, marches, hearings, pickets, occupations, media events, caravans and coalitions of those most impacted, including seniors, the disabled, veterans, and small business.

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) voted at its August national convention to prioritize the fight to defend door-to-door delivery. Contact your local NALC branch (or the national



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legislative office, 202-393-4695) to get involved.

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CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON DOOR DELIVERY

Whereas: legislation pending in Congress seeks to eliminate at-the-door mail delivery, and

Whereas: the Postmaster General has called for the elimination of at-the-door delivery, and

Whereas: one-third of deliveries in the United States are at the door, and

Whereas: conversion of at-the-door delivery to curbside or cluster box delivery would eliminate tens of thousands of living wage letter carrier jobs, according to the letter carriers' union (NALC), and

Whereas: many elderly and disabled customers, including many veterans, would be severely inconvenienced by being forced to walk from their homes in the rain, wind, snow, ice, dark and other dangerous conditions, and

Whereas: at-the-door delivery facilitates quality service, such as individualized parcel and bulk mail drop & pick-up locations, and

Whereas: at-the-door delivery facilitates residential customer contact, which protects the health and welfare of neighborhoods, especially looking-in on the frail and seniors, and

Whereas: at-the-door delivery facilitates business customer contact, leading to "Customer Connect" revenue opportunities, therefore be it

Resolved: that the (your city) City Council urges Postmaster General Brennan, President Trump, and Members of Congress to defend at-the-door mail delivery and to reject any rule, order or bill, such as HR 756, Sec. 202, which forces postal customers, business and residential, into "cluster boxes" or curbside delivery, and be it finally

Resolved: that the (your city) City Council urges members of the House of Representatives to co-sponsor H.Res. 28 -- "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential cus-

ASK YOUR REPRESENTATIVE:

Co-sponsor H.Res. 28, which supports retaining door delivery for businesses and residents, and H.Res. 31, which supports restoring service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012