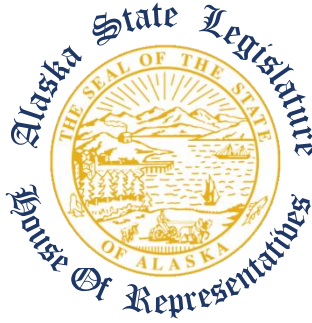


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House Joint Resolution 29

Sponsor Statement

"Urging the United States Congress to pass the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021; urging the United States Congress to pass the Postal Banking Act; and urging the United States Postal Service to continue delivering mail six days a week under historic delivery standards."

HJR 29 recognizes that the United States Postal Service plays a crucial role in communities across Alaska, especially in areas of Alaska accessible only by air or water.

We have seen over the years that prices have been rising, while at the same time delivery of mail has been slowed. The Postal Service has also lost \$69 billion over the past 11 fiscal years, in addition to unfunded liabilities that are twice the amount of their annual revenue.

This is noticeable in rural Alaska, where the Federal Government's failure to recognize the need for adequate staffing has hit those communities especially hard.

This resolution would send a formal request from the Alaska State Legislature, to Congress, asking them to pass Senate Bill 1720, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021.

And finally, would request that the United States Congress pass Senate Bill 4614, the Postal Banking Act of 2020.

Time is of the essence and action is required to preserve the United States Postal Service and the services it provides for the residents of Alaska

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