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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the policy of the United

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States Postal Service for the fair and

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equitable distribution of mail busi-

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS the present policy of the United States Postal Service under

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the Postal Reorganization Act (39 U.S.C. 101) provides for the fair and

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equitable distribution of mail business to carriers providing similar modes

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of transportation services; and

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WHEREAS this policy fosters the development of air cargo services to

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rural areas of the state; and

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WHEREAS this policy results in direct benefits to residents of

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isolated rural communities throughout the state who rely extensively on the

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movement of mail and cargo by air carriers for essential goods, including

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perishable foods, medical supplies, construction supplies, and other

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commodities necessary to maintain a living outside of urban communities;

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WHEREAS rural residents of the state attest to the improvement in the

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quality of life that has accompanied the advent of reliable, scheduled mail

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and cargo service as the result of this policy; and

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WHEREAS rural residents of the state are most affected by this policy

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and are opposed to changes in this policy;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the United

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States Postal Service for its contribution to the quality of life in the

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state as a whole but especially in the rural areas through the fair and

1 equitable distribution of mail business among air carriers; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
3 quests the United States Postal Service to maintain its current policies
4 for the fair and equitable distribution of mail business to air carriers in
5 the state.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Preston R.
7 Tisch, Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service; and to the
8 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
9 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
10 tion in Congress.