

Iowa State Association News

Legislative Update

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On May 23, 2007, the Honorable Iowa Senator, Tom Harkin, introduced a bill (S. 1457) to provide for the protection of mail delivery on certain postal routes. This bill will stop the postal service from contracting out our work. It states in part: "The Postal Service may not enter into any contract under this section with any motor carriers or other person for the delivery of mail on any route with 1 or more families per mile."

Currently there are 37 Co-Sponsors of the Bill. Please contact Senator Chuck Grassley's office and urge him to support S. 1457 and to sign on as a co-sponsor.

Iowa Letter Carriers can be quite proud of Senator Harkin. It was because of this legislation that the Postal Service returned to the bargaining table last fall and we were able to negotiate a National Agreement.

On the House side, Congressmen Leonard Boswell (IA-3), David Loebsack (IA-2) and Bruce Braley (IA-1), have all signed on as Co-Sponsor to H.Res.282, a sense of the House Resolution that expresses "The sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should discontinue the practice of contracting out mail delivery services. Currently there are 248 Co-Sponsors. I would also urge you to contact both Congressman Steve King (IA-5) and Tom Latham (IA-4), and urge them to support H.Res.282 and to sign on as co-sponsors.