

# FEDERAL-POSTAL COALITION

March 12, 2012

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 4.6 million federal and postal workers and annuitants represented by the national member organizations of the Federal-Postal Coalition, we urge you to oppose Senate Amendment 1826, sponsored by Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) to S. 1813, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act. We expect this amendment to be considered on the Senate Floor tomorrow.

Senator Roberts' amendment would freeze federal employee pay in 2013, for a third consecutive year and use the savings from the pay freeze extension to offset the costs of extending a wide range of tax breaks and other energy related provisions included in his amendment.

The 2011 and 2012 pay freeze that federal employees are continuing to live under will produce \$60 billion in savings over 10 years. The recently enacted payroll tax extension legislation will take another \$15 billion from federal employees in increased pension contributions for a total of \$75 billion. The Roberts amendment would cut another \$26 billion from this one group of middle class workers for a total of \$101 billion. This disproportionate hit on the federal workforce is unfair and unnecessary.

Moreover, the pay freeze extension in the Roberts amendment will be used to offset changes to energy policy and a long list of tax breaks that have nothing to do with federal employees. It is unacceptable to continually single out the federal workforce to fund programs or tax expenditures that should be broadly borne.

The 4.6 million members of the Federal-Postal Coalition urge you to VOTE NO on the Roberts Amendment.

Sincerely,

American Federation of Government Employees  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
American Foreign Service Association  
Federal Aviation Administration Managers  
Federal Managers Association  
Federally Employed Women  
International Association of Fire Fighters  
International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers  
Laborers' International Union of North America

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
National Air Traffic Controllers Association  
National Association of Federal Veterinarians  
National Association of Government Employees  
National Association of Letter Carriers  
National Association of Postmasters of the U.S.  
National Council of Social Security Management Associations  
National League of Postmasters  
National Postal Mail Handlers Union  
National Rural Letter Carriers Association  
National Treasury Employees Union  
Organization of Professional Employees at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Patent Office Professional Association  
Professional Aviation Safety Specialists  
Professional Managers Association

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