

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 105

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS
3 ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE
4 OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third
7 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, the mail processing function of the post office in Pocatello,
9 Idaho, was closed on or about April 18, 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, Brian Sperry, the regional spokesman for the United States
11 Postal Service (USPS) stated that the impacts would be that stamped
12 "First-Class Mail" would take between two and three days to reach its desti-
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, mail delivery in eastern Idaho is now significantly delayed,
15 with delays ranging from a few days up to a few weeks; and

16 WHEREAS, USPS has already closed or suspended services in many loca-
17 tions nationwide, including in Twin Falls, Idaho, and is considering closing
18 more; and

19 WHEREAS, USPS can provide better delivery times while still cutting
20 substantive costs by restructuring its pre-funding for retirement benefits.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
22 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
23 resentatives concurring therein, that Congress should pass legislation that
24 would direct USPS to restructure their budget priorities, rethink their ad-
25 ministrative model, make appropriate budget cuts if necessary, focus on cus-
26 tomer service and acceptable delivery times, and reopen shuttered mail pro-
27 cessing plants throughout the United States.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is
29 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the
30 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
31 Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho
32 in the Congress of the United States.