

Midcoast Community Council

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President Dave Pine and Members
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
(via email)

Subject: **Postal Service Protection Act, US Senate Bill S. 316**

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Midcoast Community Council asks for your support of pending federal legislation S. 316, the Postal Service Protection Act. The Act seeks to alleviate the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) from the massive prefunding mandate that is driving the agency into insolvency, stop cuts to service and closures, and restore the ability of the USPS to remain a viable and competitive institution. The Act would:

- Stabilize USPS finances by reforming future retiree health financing policies and allowing recovery of overpayments into the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS).
- Re-establish overnight delivery standards for first-class mail, which would ensure timely delivery schedules and help keep mail processing facilities open.
- Retain six-day mail delivery.
- Establish new revenue sources for the USPS by encouraging innovative new USPS products and services such as issuing licenses, providing notary services, allowing the shipping of wine and beer, setting up a Postal Innovation Advisory Commission, and more.
- Protect rural post offices from being closed.

The MCC urges Senators Feinstein and Boxer to co-sponsor this bill. We thank Congresswoman Jackie Speier for endorsing the companion bill in the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 630.

Sincerely,

s/Lisa Ketcham, Chair
Midcoast Community Council

cc: Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Congresswoman Jackie Speier