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## Rep. Adams' USPS Reform Article Published in Harvard Law School Journal on Legislation

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Reps. Adams' Article on US Postal Service Reform Published in the Harvard Law School Journal on Legislation

"It is essential that Congress urgently advance postal reform legislation"

**Cambridge, MA** – Today, the *Harvard Law School Journal on Legislation* published a scholarly article by **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)**. The article details steps Congress can take to reform and improve the US Postal Service in the 117th Congress.

[The article is available on the Harvard Law School Journal on Legislation website here.](#)

"The Postal Service remains what it has always been to our country: an essential provider of goods and services; a core component of our economy; a pathway for many good, stable jobs; and a point of pride for the American people," **writes Congresswoman Adams**. "Looking towards the 117th Congress, it is essential that Congress urgently advance postal reform legislation. By adopting the provisions outlined above, Congress will deliver for the Postal Service and ensure that they, in turn, can deliver for the American people for generations to come."

Adams outlines five key steps in her article:

1. Authorizing \$25 Billion in emergency appropriations to make up for revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Passing H.R. 2382, sponsored by Rep. Peter DeFazio, to repeal the 2006 mandate that requires USPS to prefund retirement benefits.
3. Passing legislation requiring most postal retirees to participate in Medicare Part B, a proposal that would reduce USPS direct spending by \$470 million annually.
4. Enacting legislation requiring a more aggressive investment strategy for the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund.
5. Operational changes to improve USPS's communication with Congress and the American people, preventing some of the abuses that have occurred under Postmaster General Louis

DeJoy's tenure.

“The American Postal Workers Union applauds Congresswoman Alma Adams’ consistent and passionate support for a vibrant public Postal Service, the people’s democratic right to universal service and the hundreds of thousands of dedicated postal workers,” **said APWU President Mark Dimondstein.**

Congresswoman Alma Adams has represented North Carolina's 12th Congressional District since 2014, and has been a leader in the House of Representatives on postal reform issues. Adams graduated from North Carolina A&T State University in 1968 and received her master’s degree in Art Education in 1972. She earned her Ph.D. in Art Education and Multicultural Education from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio in 1981.

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