

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.23

Senators Hertel, McCann, Bayer, Irwin, Bullock, Geiss, Chang, Alexander, Moss, McMorrow, Wojno, Ananich, McBroom, Brinks, Polehanki, Santana and Hollier offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Congress to
2 oppose recommendations to privatize the United States Postal
3 Service.

4 Whereas, The USPS is a core governmental function recognized
5 by our Founding Fathers in the U.S. Constitution. Article I,
6 Section 8, Clause 7 of the U.S. Constitution grants Congress the
7 power to establish post offices and post roads. Enacting the
8 President's proposal would require Congress to neglect its
9 constitutional responsibility; and

10 Whereas, The USPS provides high-quality universal service
11 without taxpayer funding. The USPS receives no tax dollars and
12 funds its operations through the sale of postage products and
13 services. Even without taxpayer funding, the USPS provides

1 excellent service and consistently receives the highest approval
2 ratings of federal departments and agencies; and

3 Whereas, The USPS is a source of decent and dignified jobs in
4 the United States. The USPS employs workers of all nationalities
5 from diverse backgrounds of all kinds. The USPS has more than
6 500,000 employees at the center of the \$1.4 trillion mailing
7 industry that employs 7.5 million Americans. It is also the
8 nation's second-largest employer of military veterans; and

9 Whereas, Privatizing the USPS would limit service and increase
10 prices for Michigan's 32 rural counties. A privatized postal
11 service will be driven by profit and would lead to increased rates
12 and lost service for rural areas where delivery is more expensive.
13 This will enrich a few private companies at the expense of rural
14 communities in Michigan and across the country; now, therefore, be
15 it

16 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
17 concurring), That we urge the United States Congress to oppose
18 recommendations to privatize the United States Postal Service; and
19 be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
21 President of the United States, the President of the United States
22 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
23 and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.