



March 7, 2022

The Honorable Rick Scott
Senator from Florida
502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Your Amendment to HR 3076, the Postal Service Reform Act

Dear Senator Scott,

On behalf of our over 2.3 million members of the Association of Mature American Citizens ("AMAC") of which 180,000-plus reside in Florida, we support your amendment to ensure that the provisions in HR 3076, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022, protect the Medicare program from being used as a "piggy bank" by the USPS.

We note in the regard the House Committee on Oversight and Reform report clearly discusses the "budget relief" for the USPS, and therefore the transfer of that additional financial burden -- \$36 billion -- to the Medicare program, of which the Hospital Insurance trust fund is facing looming insolvency in 2026 according to the 2021 Medicare Trustees Report. The House Committee report advises in skirting the consequent impact on the Hospital Insurance trust fund:

"While Postal Service employees currently pay into Medicare and are eligible to enroll when they reach the age 65, roughly 25% of the Postal Service workforce never enrolls. Requiring Postal Service employees to enroll in Medicare when they become eligible to do so would help improve the long-term financial viability of the Postal Service. This requirement already exists for most private sector employees. If all Postal Service employees were required to enroll in Medicare when eligible, the Postal Service estimates that it would save roughly **\$36 billion** over a 10-year period."

While CBO's estimate of \$5 to 6 billion of the added cost to Medicare is much less than the \$36 billion discussed in the House committee report, whatever the adverse impact on the Medicare program can only serve to accelerate the looming 2026 insolvency of the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.

If indeed, HR 3076 effectively forces all future USPS retirees onto Medicare which becomes the primary payer, the USPS needs to account and pay those costs and not pass them on to Medicare beneficiaries in the form of higher premiums.

Senator, we strongly support passage and enactment of your amendment to ensure the financial accountability of the USPS to the Medicare Hospital Insurance trust fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlston".

President, AMAC Action