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### **NAPO Contacts Members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee as Postal Reform Legislation is Considered**

On September 20, 2013, NAPO sent the attached letter to every member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to request they consider language modifications to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3061 that will positively impact NAPO's member group, the Postal Police Officers Association (PPOA).

In Title 18, U.S.C., Section 3061, Congress prescribed law enforcement functions for the Postal Service. These functions are to be carried out by Postal Inspectors and uniformed police. Congress granted the Postal Service the authority to have Postal Police Officers serve warrants and subpoenas and conduct certain postal investigations. The Postal Service has not yet availed itself of this authority. NAPO has been working closely with the PPOA to clarify the language of the aforementioned section of the United States Code to ensure Postal Police Officers are utilized to their full capacity.

Over the past several months, NAPO and the PPOA have focused much effort to providing briefings on this issue to over a dozen members of Congress. We have received a great deal of positive feedback, and we are confident that our language proposals will be considered as both the House and Senate move forward with legislation to reform the U.S. Postal Service (H.R. 2309 & S.1486). In addition to maintaining communication with staffers for Chairman Carper, Ranking Member Coburn, Senator Landrieu, and Senator Levin, NAPO plans to schedule follow-on meetings with other members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which will ensure our proposal stays at the forefront of the Committee's agenda.

NAPO will continue to provide updates on the progress of this initiative. If you have any questions about this issue, please contact Melissa Nee at: [mnee@napo.org](mailto:mnee@napo.org).

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