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The Honorable Stephanie Herseth  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Herseth:

I write to express my deep appreciation for your leadership in introducing the Veterans Reassignment Protection Act, HR 5894. The National Association of Postal Supervisors endorses this legislation because of its assurance of the application of veterans' preference protections to postal and federal employees in the course of downsizing and other reorganization efforts.

Your legislation is significant for its closure of the loophole that has permitted the United States Postal Service to circumvent the application of veterans' preference laws in connection with the involuntary geographic reassignment of its employees during the consolidation or closure of postal facilities. Your bill upholds the protections guaranteed to military veterans by requiring the Postal Service and all federal departments and agencies to adhere to reduction-in-force procedures whenever a preference eligible is subject to an involuntarily directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the respective commuting area.

The rights and protections of our nation's veterans, especially in light of their continuing sacrifice in Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous lands, should never be abridged or compromised. Thank you for your efforts to assure that the letter and spirit of veterans' preference protections are upheld.

Sincerely,

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Ted Keating  
President