



# News from Washington

## House introduces bill to extend COVID-19 paid leave for federal employees

**O**n May 12, the Senate approved by a voice vote the nominations of Dan Tangherlini and Derek Kan to serve on the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors (BOG). Tangherlini's term will expire on Dec. 8, 2027, and Kan's term will expire on Dec. 8, 2028. President Biden nominated Tangherlini and Kan in November 2021 to replace John Barer and Ron Bloom on the BOG.

On May 11, Rep. Sean Maloney (D-NY) introduced H.R. 7723, which would amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to extend the availability of paid leave for federal employees for reasons related to COVID-19.

Under the American Rescue Plan, federal employees, including Postal Service employees, were provided up to 600 hours of paid Emergency Federal Employee Leave (EFEL) for reasons related to COVID-19. This leave expired on Sept. 30, 2021. H.R. 7723 would extend the availability of EFEL to Dec. 31, 2022, and it would provide retroactive paid leave for federal employees who used other paid leave for absences related to COVID-19.

While this bill would benefit employees of the Postal Service, legislation is unlikely to advance without bipartisan support. For updates, check the "Government Affairs" section of [nalc.org](http://nalc.org).

### Status check: Building a Better America

For the past 18 months, the Biden administration has prioritized COVID-19 relief with the American Rescue Plan of 2021, as well as historic investment in the nation's infrastructure with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

While both laws were critical pieces of the president's Building a Better

America (formerly "Build Back Better") agenda, parts of his proposal remain pending. The administration's plan is ambitious and includes provisions that would improve the lives of workers and their families. The administration has proposed paid sick and family leave, restoration of the child care tax credits that expired earlier this year and free community college.

The administration also has proposed \$6.9 billion in direct funding for a new Postal Service vehicle fleet, the majority of which would be electric. However, no legislation that includes these provisions has been able to move through Congress, and time is running out for lawmakers to use "reconciliation," which would allow passage of an additional package in the Senate with a simple majority of votes—51 rather than 60.

The opportunity for lawmakers to use the reconciliation process is set to expire at the end of the fiscal year, and negotiations over the next round of relief priorities have been at a standstill for months without the 50 Democratic and Democratic-leaning independent senators coalescing around a specific plan. With a slim Democratic majority in the House and Vice President Kamala Harris as the tie-breaking vote in the Senate, it is unlikely that the administration's ambitious plans will become law before the end of the year. However, discussions continue among lawmakers, with the goal of reaching some sort of deal that, at a minimum, would include additional funding for COVID-19 testing, treatment and research.

NALC continues to advocate for vehicle funding for the Postal Service and for portions of Building a Better America that would benefit letter carriers and their families.

### Senate to vote on the PRO Act

As this publication was going to print, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) had committed to finally bringing the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R. 842/S. 420) to the Senate floor for a vote.

The PRO Act, comprehensive legislation that would expand collective-bargaining rights, strengthen workers' access to fair union elections and introduce penalties for employers that violate workers' rights, passed in the House in March 2021.

President Biden, who has supported the legislation from the start, has called on the Senate to pass it and send it to his desk. However, in the 15 months since the legislation passed in the House, the Senate has not held a vote on the legislation.

Since the bill passed in the House, not enough senators have signaled their support for the legislation to overcome the 60-vote threshold needed to bypass the filibuster for passage. Nearly all Democratic and Democratic-leaning independent senators have gone on record stating their support for passage of the PRO Act, except for Sens. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) and Mark Warner (D-VA). All 50 Senate Republicans have signaled their opposition to the bill.

Despite the lack of the support needed for passage, a vote in the Senate is possible on the legislation as soon as this month.

### The 'thank you' phase of postal reform

In April, NALC members celebrated a monumental victory when President Biden signed the bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 (Public Law

117-108) into law. The passage of this law—which eliminates the pre-funding mandate, secures six-day mail and package delivery, and better positions the Postal Service to provide quality service to its customers—would not have been possible without a large bipartisan consensus in both chambers.

Thanks in large part to NALC members’ activism, the bill passed with a 342-92 vote in the House and a 79-19 vote in the Senate, a rare bipartisan

majority. It is important to thank these lawmakers who stood by letter carriers with their vote for H.R. 3076.

“We must express our gratitude and appreciation to members of Congress who supported this legislation, while we continue to build and maintain relationships with both supporters and non-supporters as we prepare for whatever the 118th Congress will bring,” NALC President Fredric Rolando said.

Every “thank you” matters, and sending a thank-you letter to your members of Congress and their staff is easy. Visit NALC’s Legislative Action Center at [nalc-info.org/take-action](http://nalc-info.org/take-action). From there, click the blue “Take Action” buttons to send thank-you letters to the representatives and senators who voted “yes” on H.R. 3076.

Below is a list of all the representatives and senators who voted “yes” on H.R. 3076.

Alma Adams (D-NC)	Salud Carbajal (D-CA)	Madeleine Dean (D-PA)	Jared Golden (D-ME)
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)	Tony Cárdenas (D-CA)	Peter DeFazio (D-OR)	Jimmy Gomez (D-CA)
Pete Aguilar (D-CA)	Mike Carey (R-OH)	Diana DeGette (D-CO)	Tony Gonzales (R-TX)
Colin Allred (D-TX)	André Carson (D-IN)	Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)	Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH)
Mark Amodei (R-NV)	Troy Carter (D-LA)	Suzan DelBene (D-WA)	Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX)
Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)	John Carter (R-TX)	Antonio Delgado (D-NY)	Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)
Jake Auchincloss (D-MA)	Matt Cartwright (D-PA)	Val Demings (D-FL)	Kay Granger (R-TX)
Cindy Axne (D-IA)	Ed Case (D-HI)	Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA)	Garret Graves (R-LA)
Don Bacon (R-NE)	Sean Casten (D-IL)	Theodore Deutch (D-FL)	Sam Graves (R-MO)
Troy Balderson (R-OH)	Kathy Castor (D-FL)	Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	Al Green (D-TX)
Andy Barr (R-KY)	Joaquín Castro (D-TX)	Debbie Dingell (D-MI)	Morgan Griffith (R-VA)
Nanette Barragán (D-CA)	Madison Cawthorn (R-NC)	Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)	Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ)
Karen Bass (D-CA)	Steve Chabot (R-OH)	Michael Doyle (D-PA)	Glenn Grothman (R-WI)
Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	Liz Cheney (R-WY)	Neal Dunn (R-FL)	Michael Guest (R-MS)
Cliff Bentz (R-OR)	Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-FL)	Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
Ami Bera (D-CA)	Judy Chu (D-CA)	Tom Emmer (R-MN)	Jim Hagedorn (R-MN)
Jack Bergman (R-MI)	David Cicilline (D-RI)	Veronica Escobar (D-TX)	Josh Harder (D-CA)
Don Beyer (D-VA)	Katherine Clark (D-MA)	Anna Eshoo (D-CA)	Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)
Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	Yvette Clarke (D-NY)	Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)	Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)
Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)	Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)	Dwight Evans (D-PA)	Jahana Hayes (D-CT)
Sanford Bishop (D-GA)	James Clyburn (D-SC)	Randy Feenstra (R-IA)	Yvette Herrell (R-NM)
Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Andrew Clyde (R-GA)	Michelle Fischbach (R-MN)	Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)
Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)	Steve Cohen (D-TN)	Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI)	Brian Higgins (D-NY)
Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)	Tom Cole (R-OK)	Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)	French Hill (R-AR)
Mike Bost (R-IL)	James Comer (R-KY)	Lizzie Pannill Fletcher (D-TX)	Jim Himes (D-CT)
Carolyn Bourdeaux (D-GA)	Gerry Connolly (D-VA)	Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)	Ashley Hinson (R-IA)
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Shontel Brown (D-OH)	Joe Courtney (D-CT)	Mike Gallagher (R-WI)	Richard Hudson (R-NC)
Julia Brownley (D-CA)	Angie Craig (D-MN)	Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)	Jared Huffman (D-CA)
Larry Bucshon (R-IN)	Charlie Crist (D-FL)	John Garamendi (D-CA)	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)
Ted Budd (R-NC)	Jason Crow (D-CO)	Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)	Sara Jacobs (D-CA)
Michael Burgess (R-TX)	Henry Cuellar (D-TX)	Mike Garbarino (R-CA)	Christopher Jacobs (R-NY)
Cori Bush (D-MO)	John Curtis (R-UT)	Chuy García (D-IL)	Pramila Jayapal (D-WA)
Cheri Bustos (D-IL)	Sharice Davids (D-KS)	Sylvia Garcia (D-TX)	Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)
G. K. Butterfield (D-NC)	Danny Davis (D-IL)	Bob Gibbs (R-OH)	Hank Johnson (D-GA)
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