

Senator Heitkamp's Rural Postal Act – Quotes from North Dakota Supporters

“Senator Heitkamp has been champion for improving rural postal service and her bill is a great step forward. Poor mail service is hurting us at Verendrye Electric, and it is important that service improves. Cooperatives such as Verendrye depend on reliable mail service to deliver statements to our members and that isn't happening right now. We thank Senator Heitkamp for her leadership on this issue and making sure North Dakotans' voices are heard in Washington as she works to improve the Postal Service.”

- *Bruce Carlson, General Manager, Verendrye Electric Cooperative in Velva*

“I had the opportunity to sit on the panel of Senator Heitkamp's first public forum regarding the issues facing our Postal Service when she launched her Fix My Mail initiative in Dickinson last January. I've seen firsthand that she has approached this issue from the grassroots level and has gathered information from rural communities across North Dakota. I want to thank Senator Heitkamp for introducing this bill which would improve rural mail service for communities in North Dakota and across the country.”

- *Klayton Oltmanns, Dickinson City Commissioner*

“Consistent and reliable mail service is especially crucial in rural communities, where people rely on the Postal Service to serve as a way to connect with family, friends, and customers all around the world. Senator Heitkamp has long worked to address the mail delivery and service concerns of rural America and I'd like to thank her for her leadership with this bill. Senator Heitkamp's legislation is a commonsense approach to protecting rural postal customers in North Dakota and across the country, and would help ensure rural communities aren't disproportionately hurt by cuts to mail service.”

- *Gary Thompson, North Dakota rural letter carrier in Grand Forks area*

“Senator Heitkamp has taken an important step for rural communities by introducing a bill that really gets at the heart of what's causing poor mail delivery and service in Watford City and similar rural communities in North Dakota and around the country. I've seen that the Postal Service hasn't lived up to expectations or met customer demand in our area and we have to fix these issues now. With Senator Heitkamp's leadership and her *Rural Postal Act*, I'm confident we can help make sure those of us living in rural America get the high level of mail service we deserve.”

- *Brent Sanford, Watford City Mayor*