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Washington, DC – Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) hailed the passage of H.R. 22, the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act. This is the first postal overhaul bill in over 35 years ensuring the United States Postal Service has the modern business tools it needs to provide universal service to all Americans while being able to compete with the growing competition in the mail delivery field.

“The Postal Service is an integral part of our lives. Every day we await the mail carriers visit anticipating our mail that keeps us connected to our family, friends and outside world,” said Matsui. “And this postal reform legislation, which I strongly support, will guarantee that these services will be provided efficiently and cost effectively.”

During a tour of the West Sacramento Distribution Center in July, Matsui met with some of the over 1,800 postal employees in Sacramento. She expressed her commitment to make certain the Postal Service remains a viable and competitive entity so that these men and woman can continue to provide the essential services that the rest of us rely on everyday.

And integral to securing the future solvency of the USPS, is the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, which will streamline operations, reduce costs and modernize the business tools it needs to compete with other mail carriers. Specifically, the reform would simplify the Postal Rate Commission so rate changes could be made to better respond to market competition, but still ensure the increases would not exceed the annual change in the consumer price index.

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