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## **Coalition of Federal and Postal Groups Applauds Pay Raise Legislation**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Federal-Postal Coalition (FPC) – comprised of 31 national organizations that collectively represent five million middle-class federal and postal workers and retirees – applauds the introduction of legislation, the Federal Adjustment of Income Rates (FAIR) Act of 2014, by Reps. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and Jim Moran (D-VA) to provide federal employees with an adequate pay raise in 2015.

“The Federal-Postal Coalition strongly supports legislation introduced today by Reps. Connolly and Moran to provide federal employees with 3.3 percent pay raise next year. While private sector wages have risen 6.5 percent in the last four years, federal employees had their pay frozen for three years and only received a 1 percent raise this year,” said Coalition Chair Bruce Moyer. “Three years of frozen salaries caused the public-private sector pay gap to exceed 35 percent, with federal employees lagging behind. Instituting a raise of 3.3 percent, 2.3 percent higher than that proposed by the President, will allow the federal government to compete for top talent in the workplace.”

“Federal employees carry out vital services upon which our nation relies. If we fail to invest in competitive salaries, the government will fall further behind in recruiting and retaining the best and brightest – those who care for our veterans, protect our borders, prepare us for severe weather, and assist our military at home and abroad,” said Moyer.

“The Coalition urges the Appropriations Committees to move forward with the proposed 3.3 percent raise, instead of the 1 percent proposed by the President. After contributing over \$1 billion in lost salaries due to sequestration furloughs last year and \$98 billion with the three-year pay freeze, our nation’s civil servants deserve a raise commensurate with the important services they provide our country,” concluded Moyer.

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### ***About the Federal-Postal Coalition (FPC)***

*Founded in the 1970s, the Federal-Postal Coalition today is comprised of 31 national organizations that collectively represent the nearly five million federal and postal workers and annuitants whose dedication to public service keep America safe and moving forward. Together we work to protect the earned retirement benefits of our nation’s federal workforce and fight attacks on America’s federal and postal workers and retirees. By so doing, we aim to preserve the legacy of the nation’s federal and postal workforce that is as enduring and proud as America herself.*