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**SENATE MEMORIAL 1**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CLASSIFY NEW  
MEXICO POSTAL CARRIERS AS EMPLOYEES WITH BENEFITS AND RIGHTS  
EQUAL TO OTHER POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico has a disproportionate number of  
United States postal carriers classified as independent  
contractors; and**

**WHEREAS, these postal workers are denied benefits such as  
retirement, sick leave, insurance and workers' compensation and  
disability that are typically available to postal employees;  
and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico postal contractors are subject to the  
state's gross receipts tax while its employees are not; and**

**WHEREAS, all postal workers have been affected by the  
anthrax scare and other terrorist threats, and all postal**

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1 workers should receive the same benefits and protections for  
2 carrying the public mail;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
4 OF NEW MEXICO that the United States postal service be  
5 requested to convert independent postal carriers to employee  
6 status, with all the benefits and rights conferred to  
7 employees; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the United States postmaster general and to the  
10 New Mexico congressional delegation.