

# PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED :

The undersigned, citizens of *Dayton Ohio*  
respectfully petition Congress to pass a law, establishing

1. A uniform rate of *Two Cents* postage on letters weighing half an ounce, and two cents for every additional half ounce, prepaid, and double that rate if not prepaid. Drop letters one cent,
2. Newspapers, periodicals, and all printed matter, one cent per sheet; but newspapers of the smaller size half a cent., to be prepaid, except newspapers and periodicals sent from the office of publication.
3. To reduce the postage on letters and newspapers by mail packets and steamers, to a rate which will bring it within the means of every class of citizens to maintain frequent intercourse with their friends in other countries, without feeling the postage to be a burdensome tax.
4. To adopt measures that in all large towns and cities there shall be a free delivery of letters and newspapers, and also for the reception and conveyance of letters to the post-office for the mails free of any expense.
5. To abolish the franking privilege entirely, that postage may be paid on every thing sent by the mails. Postage of members of Congress to be paid as their other expenses, and postmasters to be remunerated for the loss of the franking privilege and the temporary diminution of their income, by an increase of their commissions.

## NAMES.

## PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

*E. W. Smith*  
*Ben M. Ayres*  
*D. B. Gilbert*  
*Thos. L. Smith*  
*David Bickford*  
*A. S. Lockwood*  
*E. Brown*  
*J. B. Brown*  
*N. Estabrook*  
*Eph. M. Broadwell*  
*Geo. Hargis*  
*Wm. H. Hume*  
*W. W. Barbour*  
*W. J. Schenk*  
*William Jones*  
*Stephen F. Smith*  
*George Gilbert*

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*Theophilus Schmidt*  
*Philip Frantwein*  
*Simon Martin*  
*Thos. W. Chapman*  
*D. M. Harris*  
*E. Messers*  
*Har. Getzendorf*  
*Richard Dobbin*  
*Jos. Babham*  
*Isaac Everson*  
*A. M. Elmer*  
*John Carroll*  
*Wm. H. Bickford*  
*John Siford*  
*James McKoy*  
*W. C. Smith*  
*Ans. Chapman*  
*J. J. Stateman*  
*J. W. Munn*  
*John Miller*  
*David Gilbert*  
*Jacob J. Schafer*  
*Sam. Wilmore*  
*George Johnston*  
*James Simpson*  
*David Peck*  
*W. Clayton*  
*Calvin Miller*  
*S. A. Thompson*  
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Petition of Edwin Smith &  
46 other citizens of Dayton  
Ohio, for cheap postage.

February 27, 1846  
Referred to the  
Committee of the Whole House  
on the State of the Union

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By Mr. Schenck

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