

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The election is over – and the world didn't come to an end. Although with the obscene amount of money spent by outside interest groups it may seem that that is the kind of importance attached to it. Campaign reform must happen or elections will continue to be bought by whoever can hire the slickest ad agency.

Iowa will no longer have Senator Harkin or Congressmen Braley or Latham. All were allies in the battle for postal reform that would keep 6-day delivery. While it remains to be seen what our newly elected Congress has in store for us – I doubt that it will be anything to cheer about.

Perhaps we should hope that Congress doesn't show us they can work together with the President to accomplish something – anything, even if it means destroying the Postal Service. Can we count on a veto, or will the Postal Service be the sacrificial lamb?

We must hold our newly elected Senators and Representatives accountable once they are in office. We must explain what has happened to the Postal Service and what is needed. We must ask for them to vote for legislation that will ensure the continuation of a strong and viable Postal Service that will support the recovering economy and thousands of jobs, including our own.

As the holidays approach, I am reminded that we have much to be thankful for. I'm also aware that there are many who struggle to keep a roof over their heads, a bed to sleep in and food on the table. One doesn't have to look far down the road to see someone in need. Hopefully, we can keep our favorite charity on our shopping lists this year.

Wishing you and your family all the best...

In Unionism,

Jim Beach

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