

## Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



### President's Report

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Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

Latest update on our new contract: there isn't one yet. Maybe by saying so will spur an announcement? I would like to see a negotiated settlement sent out for a ratification vote rather than rely on an outside arbitrator to put their spin on our working conditions. Alas, Mick says I can't always get what I want.

So, in the mean time I guess I'll try to get what I need - like support for legislation favorable to a successful Postal Service. H.Res 28 concerning the continuation of door delivery to our residential and business customers now has 218 co-sponsors. Congressmen Loeb sack and Young of Iowa are among those 218. Thanks go out to all of the Congressional Liaisons across the country who have reached out to their representatives.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has approved H.R. 756, the Postal Reform Act of 2017, despite Rep. Issa's best effort to derail it. He offered four amendments – all defeated or withdrawn. Guess he won't stop until the people of California send him packing. Now that doesn't mean it's a done deal. It still has to go through other committees for approval and then to the floor of the House for a vote. If passed, it goes to the Senate for approval, and then it must go to the President's desk where it needs his signature to become law. Along the way there could be amendments offered or language changed or a veto. With events brewing in the Middle East it could simply be put on the back burner if other matters suddenly become the focus of the nation and Congress. The "Government Affairs" tab at [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org) will give you the latest updates.

What can I say about LCPF and the importance of contributing that hasn't already been said? No, really – how do I get the message through? If you have any ideas about increasing participation please feel free to share. Maybe you can share why you make regular contributions with one other carrier this month, and ask them to join in as well. Our future depends on it.

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