Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers", This year, considering the political issues our union is dealing with, the saying "When it rains, it pours", seems more appropriate. All NALC State Chairs were brought to Washington D.C., on March 24th for a week of training, discussion, and action to combat the possibility of President Trump signing an Executive Order placing the USPS under the Commerce Department. Our union has never been faced with a threat of this type before. Many of our fellow Federal Unions have been under attack, and the workforce has been significantly reduced.

It happened faster than a speeding bullet. There is much reason for concern, and the need to be prepared. Believe me, the NALC is prepared to protect our union, the USPS, and our customers, from a ridiculous plan to privatize our organization. Over two thirds of the United States believes that the USPS is taxpayer funded. In fact, I lobbied each of our Congressional District Offices and none of them were aware that we were funded by the sale of our products, and services, since reorganization in 1970. So much of our plan moving forward is to educate the public on who we are, what our function is, and the result of having private companies take over the delivery services in the USA. The nationwide rallies that have been held and will be held is providing a much needed groundwork for our survival. We also need to ask our Representatives to cosponsor House Resolution 70 Anti-Privatization Legislation. Currently there are 194 signed on, but none yet from lowa. Protect your jobs. Make a contact, contribute to our PAC, and stand up for each other.

With our State Convention coming up in May, I would just like to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Iowa State Association President. It has been an honor, and a privilege to hold this office for 8 years. I would encourage each and every one of our members to always protect each other, stay focused on solidarity, fact check anything you hear or read on Social Media, and be proud of the work you do every day. You may never get everyone to like you, but you can get everyone to believe what you say is the truth. Take care, and God Bless.

Happy Trails,

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