

# ***It's Time to Take Action!***



## **NALC Call to Action**

### **Support the Postal Reform Act of 2021 HR 3076**

The NALC makes it easy to show your support for this legislation.

From the NALC app:

Click on 'Government Affairs' tab (bottom left corner)

From the Legislative Action Center, scroll down to

TAKE ACTION (read more)

Hold down the read more tab for a few seconds...

Then click open link and scroll down.

Enter your FIRST NAME + LAST NAME + ZIP CODE + LAST FOUR OF SSN

You get to choose how to send it.

To TAKE ACTION on the website, click on the 'Government Affairs' tab.

On the right side of the screen, tap on Legislative Action Center.

Click on TAKE ACTION tab (read more)

Click TAKE ACTION

Enter FIRST NAME + LAST NAME + ZIP CODE + LAST FOUR OF SSN

(CELL PHONE SCREEN MAY LOOK DIFFERENT)

**PLEASE DO THIS DAILY & GET OTHER MEMBERS INVOLVED**

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### ***President's Report***

Brothers and sisters

I want to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State President for the next two years. I have some big shoes to fill but I am looking forward to the challenge. Our first ever mixed in person and virtual Convention went great and we received positive feedback with the 2021 State Convention despite the challenges. We are always looking to improve and adapt so going forward if anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.



We are changing things up in 2022 and State Training will be moving to an all steward's college event hosted by the National Business Agents office and our Annual State Conventions will incorporate more training on behalf of the state. If there is a specific training, you would like to see next year at State Convention please let us know.

As most of you probably know, the food drive was officially canceled for this year and we will resume our normal in person food drive in 2022. While this is disappointing for our local food banks, we hope you will all continue to support them with the donor drive. Monetary donations made by your branch will be matched by National. Most branches budget an amount for the food drive so please consider making the motion and your next branch meeting to make these donations to your local food bank.

The amount of confirmed COVID cases continue to move in the right direction. Masks are still required per postal policy (based on the latest stand up talk dated May 19th) when you are in the office and a six-foot social distancing cannot be maintained. Depending on the confirmed cases moving forward could allow the postal service to change that policy. The COVID memo's including 701 time and other office changes have been extended until August 6, 2021. (See M-1951, M-1952 and M-1953)

We need your help with TAKING ACTION on the NALC website. The Postal Service Reform Act needs our attention. Please contact your representatives and Senators and ask them to support this important legislation by becoming a cosponsor for H.R.3076/S 1720 and urging immediate House and Senate passage. This bill will repeal the mandate that the Postal Service pre-fund decades worth of health benefits for its future retirees. We have work to do, and simply cannot rest on our past accomplishments. We have the power to change the minds of Congress and the public and must continue to make the effort to educate those who have the real power to do that.

In Unity,  
Danielle Fake-Moorman

## Vice President's Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First, I must thank you for the confidence in me to continue to serve you on the Colorado State Executive Council. It has always been an honor to represent you in every position I have held in the NALC but serving all of Colorado's Letter Carriers

holds a special place in my heart. I will not let you down.



Second, a huge shout out Pueblo's Branch for the outstanding convention they hosted. After a year delay, Donald and every member of the branch stepped up and we had a great convention. All the State's business got done, fun was had, money was raised for MDA, and we did this all safely. Colorado Springs, you are up next.

We are at a point in time that could decide the future of America's Postal Service. There is 1 bill in both Chambers (House of Representative and Senate) that we support and helped to draft. H.R. 3076 and S. 1720 cover 3 subjects that we have been talking about for the past years. First is that 6-day delivery will be the law. Currently we must get 6-day delivery through the appropriation bill every year.

Secondly, this bill will repeal the Prefunding of the Retirees Health Benefit plan portion of the 2006 PAEA. Freeing up \$5.5 billion every year to be used on new vehicles, building improvements, and hell

maybe even wages. And thirdly, this bill provides for a separate Postal health insurance pool and for our retirees to be integrated into Medicare part D. While 80% of retirees have in the past chosen to participate in Medicare, many have not for one reason or another, if they would sign up now it would cost them an additional 10% for each year that they are past 65. This bill waives that extra cost to our retirees. It also gives the retirees the option to not join Medicare. Please contact your Representative and both Senators to urge them to sign on and vote for the bill in their chamber.

There are 2 strengths of the NALC, and both require your participation. First is our contract. It is the most comprehensive contract of Postal Workers. But it does no good if you leave it on the shelf, on your home page, in your inbox, you must take it down and read it. Knowledge is power and the only way to get the knowledge is to read it, ask questions, and use it. Second is your Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF). Every Letter Carrier benefits from the fund. It is used for opening doors to Congress, it is used for educating our Congressional delegation on our issues such as H.R. 3076 and S.1720.

Unfortunately, not enough of us contribute to the fund. If you wish to contribute, please reach out and ask there are several of us who are trained in signing you up. If you are retired it is even simpler, just let

me know your name and the amount you wish to contribute and I'll do the rest. But whether it's the contract or the LCPF it takes you to strengthen the NALC.

Stay safe, keep yourselves hydrated, most of all watch each other's back.

In Unity,  
Doug Jaynes Vice President

## Secretary's Report



Hello Again Sisters and Brothers, I would like to thank all of you for continuing to support me and re-electing me as your state secretary. This is a great honor and that support is not lost on me and I am grateful! I would also like to thank those hard-working Sisters and Brothers on the executive board that strive daily to make sure that the state association runs and performs at the best of its abilities to keep you, the members, informed and educated on the issues that are going on contractually, legislatively and in the community! Contractually we are now under the new collective bargaining agreement and there are some things to take note of such as the buy back for holiday pay.

This starts with the fourth of July holiday and you can opt to convert your holiday pay into annual leave if you work the holiday, whether voluntarily or by mandate, if you have those extra days pay you can convert that to annual leave to use at your discretion later down the line. Also, the back-pay issues are being done by OPM as we speak, so the pay itself should be sometime in July in your regular check.

Legislatively we all need to be aware of the bills that are in both the house HR 3076 and the senate S1720. Please push to move these items through so the Postal Service can get this prefunding monkey off of our backs. You can go to NALC.org under the legislative tab and see what both of these items are, so when you do call your representatives, you are informed and educated and get these things to the president's desk to get signed. Now is the time to move on this, so please do your part and call the congressional

## **Secretary's Report Cont...**

switchboard at 202-334-2121 and ask for your representative. Last, we have community.

At the state convention, we helped raise over Eight thousand dollars for MDA. It is fantastic to see the carriers stepping up to help others! I want to thank the carriers in my office that purchased raffle tickets for the chainsaw carving, we raised over \$500. Just think of what we could do if all offices could raise \$100 or more, we could double that number easily!! Unfortunately, the food drive did not happen again this year but it is going on virtually. If you have the time go through NALC.org and find your local food bank. Ten dollars equates to 100 pounds of food and we can all see what is going on and the need for donations is more than it has ever been. I know I am asking a lot of all of you, but its just a little time, make those calls, and a little money, \$10 = 10 # , but you will know you have done your part!!

In Unity,  
John Woolley  
COSALC Secretary

## **Treasurer's Report**

Brothers and sisters

I would like to take a moment to thank the membership for entrusting the Treasury position to me. I look forward to serving the union at the state level. It will be an adventure



with a great team! It is quite a challenge with all the officers in different cities and towns but we are working through all the bugs. We are in the process of opening a checking account at Security Service Credit Union. The State Convention was a great success considering all

the hurdles with COVID. Thank you to all the executive council for their hard work.

Hopefully all the branches whose fiscal year is a calendar year, have filed with the DOL and filed their 990's. The NALC and state have really good officer training classes. If you are a new officer, be sure to attend them. They are very informative and can help keep your branch out of trouble.

Branch audits are a good habit to have. For one thing, it helps make sure your branch is keeping up with its responsibilities, it also is necessary to make sure everything is being done honestly and the way it is supposed to. Always

remember that it is the membership's funds. It is important as an officer and a union to ensure they are taken care of.

Renae Birnell

## **Director of Retiree's Report**

Hello Fellow Retirees:

I took over as the State Director of Retirees in April. I have worn many different hats during my tenure with the Letter Carriers and found that I have learned a new skill with each hat. I am excited to take on this position as I feel like it will most likely be the last stop for me. I don't mean



that in a negative or sad way, on the contrary, I feel I have a lot to bring to the position at time in my life when I am not being pulled in ten different directions. I am a recent Retiree so there is a steep learning curve on some of the technical aspects of helping Retirees but I feel like I have a good resource pool to draw from when those question come up that I just don't have an answer for.

I sent out letters of introduction about a month ago to all branches in the state with my contact information so that anyone who needs to can reach me as easily as possible. I also sent out an email a few weeks ago asking the Retirees to reach out to their Members of Congress to request that if they currently didn't support The Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82) if they would please do so. This is a complicated piece of legislation so I would implore All Members, to educate themselves on this and why it is important to us.

Recently I have read about some branches passing resolutions to remove the PMG DeJoy, and while I agree with the frustrations regarding Mr. DeLay, and would welcome his removal. I must caution you to remember the old adage, "Better the Devil you know then the Devil you don't." I applaud the action the branches are taking by voting on resolutions, but I must also remind that the best way for us to effect change is elect people who care about us and the Post Office. I would ask that any branch who has recently passed such a resolution, follow it up with a letter or postcard to the Board of Governors. Explain to them why you want DeJoy out, tell them about the brutal hours you are being forced to work. Your frustration about not being able to provide the top-notch service to your customers. Make them understand that for Letter Carriers the job is about service and that most of us get to know and love our neighborhoods and customers, and the constant

attacking of the service we provide is a personal insult as well as morally degrading.

While they do not have individual addresses, you can write to them and express your thoughts. Please be respectful and courteous, you will always catch more flies with honey. There are some very smart people on this board, Ron Bloom has had a long-standing relationship with the NALC and Amber McReynolds is from Colorado, so let's give them a chance to help us with the service we know and love. We can only affect change if we let our voices be heard.

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Washington D.C. 20001

Thank you  
Jacqueline Skene



### *Director of Education Report*

Colorado Letter Carriers,

It is an honor being elected as your Director of Education for the Colorado State Association of Letter Carriers. I appreciate everyone that attended the state convention in

Pueblo this past April whether in person or virtually to continue the business of the state association. As they say, "the show must go on". While there were some technical issues during the event, we are already preparing to get around these issues in the future.



As the new COSALC Executive Board works together to continue the business of the association, we will be making some changes for trainings. The COSALC State Training held in January of each year will be changed slightly in 2022. The tentative dates for the next state training will be January

27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the DoubleTree in Westminster where it was held this year. We have decided that this training will only consist of Steward's Training for new and experienced stewards. There will not be any Branch Officer Training in January. The Branch Officer Training will be merged with the COSALC State Convention on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We have added an additional day to the state convention and more details will be provided in the future. The convention will be held at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs.

Want to know more when the information is available? We are encouraging everyone to sign up for COSALC Stay Connected. You can stay up to date with information as updates become available. Send your name, email and branch number to [StayConnected@cosalc.org](mailto:StayConnected@cosalc.org).

In solidarity,

Richard Byrne, Director of Education  
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### **Save the dates**

- Colorado Executive Board Meeting August 22, 2021.**
- Region 4 Rap Session- September 23,24,25, 2021 (Arizona)**
- Colorado AFL-CIO Convention September 24,25, 2021.**
- Region 1 DC Lobby Trip- November 1, 2, 3 2021.**
- Colorado Executive Board Meeting December 5, 2021.**
- Colorado State Training/Stewards College and the dates- January 27,28, 29-2022. (in Westminster)**
- Legislative Breakfast January 30, 2022 (in Westminster)**
- Delegates list due to Secretary John Woolley after branch elections in 2021.  
Please get those to him no later than February 1, 2022.**
- Colorado state convention-April 29,30-2022 (In Colorado Springs)**

## Executive Board Reports

Brothers and sisters

Is it important for you to reach out to the Colorado leaders about our postal issues like S.1720 or HR 3076. Here are some of their words from the Senate so that you can decide.

“Thank you for contacting me. I have taken the liberty of sharing your letter with my policy staff so they can have the benefit of your thoughts and concerns as they address a wide range of issues that come before the Senate. Too often, Coloradans do not have a fair shot to provide their family with a better life, to attain a great public education, or to receive equal treatment under the law. Despite the growing dysfunction in Washington, I have continued to fight for the priorities of Coloradans. **Your input helps me do my job more effectively**, so I appreciate you taking the time to express your thoughts and concerns”.

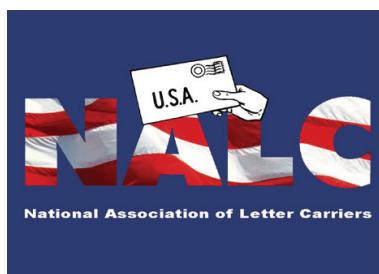
“Thank you for taking the time to contact us regarding the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 (S.1720). We always appreciate hearing from Coloradans, as it helps us better represent our great state in the United States Senate. The U.S. Postal Service is a bedrock institution in American communities and provides essential services to Coloradans across our state. It has always been integral to our country, and the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored just how important it is.

S.1720 would require postal employees to enroll in Medicare when they become eligible. It would also eliminate the requirement that the Postal Service prefund its retiree health benefits for 75 years into the future, helping to boost the agency’s outlook for long-term solvency. We look forward to reviewing the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021. We always value hearing directly from Coloradans and hope you will continue to share your thoughts”

It is important for all of us to tell our leaders to support: Postal Reform S.1720 and HR 3076

In unity

Bryan Sanders



Hello all!

My name is Tamara Twinn and I have recently been elected as an executive board member to the Colorado State Association of Letter Carriers. For those not in attendance at the COSALC State Convention, I'd like to share with you a bit about myself.



I am not familiar with many of you as I recently moved to Colorado in May 2021 from Albuquerque, NM. My fiancé accepted a job opportunity in the Denver area in late February 2020 and by late May I was walking into Englewood Main Office as a brand-new transfer in the Englewood Installation.

I have been a letter carrier for 15 years. Fun fact; I stayed at the station I started my career at in Albuquerque, NM, which is Uptown Station. I became a NALC member immediately upon being hired, and began really getting active in 2009. As part of Branch 504 Albuquerque, NM and NALC Region 10 I served as an alternate steward, primary shop steward, chief shop steward, Formal A Representative and arbitration advocate. I am a graduate of NALC Leadership Academy Class 22, Advanced Formal A and Beyond and NALC Arbitration Advocacy Program. I am well versed on the contract side of the aisle but have always been passionate about our legislative issues and that is where I really became a union activist.

In 2009 I was appointed as our branch legislative coordinator. I kept this role until I transferred in 2020 because I enjoyed it so much. I took it to heart and felt that someone had to make educating our members on the legislative agenda fun! I later became the branch LCPF coordinator and was also elected to the executive board of the New Mexico State Association of Letter Carriers as the NW District President, which is a role that mirrors the one I have now for COSALC. In 2018 I was elected as the Vice President of NMSALC and resigned from that role upon transferring to Colorado.

I am eager to attend branch meetings as a liaison for Branch 1105 Longmont and educate members on the importance of the legislative process as well as the bills and resolutions that are important to letter carriers. I have been doing so already in my home branch, Centennial Branch 5996, which represents Aurora, Englewood and Littleton. I look forward to continuing

to build relationships with our Members of Congress and their staff and engage them on issues of importance to letter carriers and the postal service alike.

Thank you all for the opportunity to represent you! Please be safe this summer and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

In Solidarity,  
Tamara Twinn

Brothers and sisters

Just finished up a little over two weeks FMLA leave to take care of my mom out in Bakersfield California. I was waiting in the hospital parking lot at a hundred and thirteen degrees watching a letter carrier go by. I remembered exactly why I did not move back home and makes me realize how lucky we have it here in Colorado, although sometimes it does not seem like it.

We have been seeing some abnormally hot days and I would like to remind everyone a few symptoms of heat illnesses; flushed skin, dizziness, sick to the stomach, extreme fatigue, nausea or vomiting, rapid heartbeat, mental confusion, seizures, not sweating, sweating profusely, severe headache, shallow breathing, loss of conciseness, thirst, muscle weakness are symptoms to watch for. **Staying hydrated is critical.**

Comfort stops are not just for using the restroom. If you are having heat related symptoms, please pull over in the shade and drink some cool water. If you do not have any, go to the store. Management says they care, they do, but it's mostly about the numbers. While I was gone, I had heard of a carrier having a nosebleed on the route, they had to deviate, and it took over thirty minutes to get the bleeding under control. The PM supervisor told them they had better still make four thirty or they were going to get a failure to follow discipline. This is a huge safety violation on

multiple levels, if this happens, request to see your Union Steward.

Keep fighting the good fight,  
Mark Robbins

Dear Brother and Sister Letter Carriers of Colorado,

First let me say thank you for your vote of confidence in re-electing me to serve on the COSALC executive council. I look forward to what we can accomplish together.

A sound financial future for the postal service and our livelihoods as letter carriers are truly at a tipping point and could be decided during this 117th Congress. Bipartisan support for a strong and vibrant USPS has never been higher in recent years. Help NALC cross the finish line in passing postal reform by supporting HR 3076 and S 1720!!

It is going to take some work on our part... but I believe it can be done if we all commit to contacting our legislators through the NALC app, making phone calls, writing letters, and educating our allies on the facts.

Invite new members to a union meeting, invite long term members who haven't attended in a while. Organize a LCPF pizza night and make a goal of personally signing up a new contributor.

Our great union has stood the test of time because of individual efforts like the one I'm asking you all to make. We don't win the attention of Congress and the American people with big money or dramatic advertising...we win hearts and minds with every conversation, every extra effort and attention to detail, the miles we walk and the deliveries accomplished. This is why our communities trust and value us.

Help them appreciate a vision of an improved USPS... And do your part to make it so!

In service and solidarity,

Joann Hertel



## **Executive Board Reports Cont...**

Hello sisters and brothers

Gus here from #849 it was with great pleasure to attend state convention and voted into the Executive Board. I came into state convention for the first time and with no expectations. However, there were great learning opportunities and comradery. And glad many were able to attend in person or remote.



The legislation updates with John Beaumont had a lot of information on the politics that affect us letter carriers. There was some progress but there were issues that are still in the works, namely the pre-funding that needs to be addressed. This is why it's so important to contribute to the Letter Carrier Political Fund. This helps to take our issues up to DC and affect change to help our cause.

Candidates were nominated for executive board positions. With yours truly being nominated and voted to be an executive board member. And again thank you all. As well as our very own Danielle Fakke-Moorman being elected to be the president for COSALC. Huge congrats to her!

All in all, it was a great event that was very informative from going over old business, new business, by-law changes and the rap sessions from Dan Versluis.

In unity,

Gus

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

First, I want to thank all of you that voted for me for the E-board at the last State Convention. I will do the best I can

to serve the membership and open more communication with all the branches in Colorado. With all the State Association's efforts, this is possible.



Politics can be very confusing to a lot of us, Resolutions, Bills, Partisanship, Bipartisanship,

Democrat, Republican, Independent all mind boggling. But, being a NALC member for 22 years, I do understand that the political powers that be, are trying to dismantle the Post Office with HR.993 privatization, HR. 23 Door to Door delivery and HR. 2382 the USPS Fairness act on prefunding just to name a few.

Please go to the following link to take action on our current NALC Legislative Alert for HR 3076 and S 1720. This is our chance at ending the prefunding requirement for the USPS. HR 3076 would repeal the prefunding mandate and would also integrate six-day delivery into law. So, we wouldn't have to continue to battle to save jobs. It also includes a Medicare integration which the clarification to that is attached. There is some mis information out there on that. Use this link to contact our congressional representatives as well. It's easy to take action. continue to do this daily. You can send emails easily and make phone calls with the touch of a few buttons on your phone. National can fight this with your help.

- Legislative Updates Explanation of the health care provisions of H.R. 3076/S. 1720

Last month, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 ([H.R. 3076/S. 1720](#)) was introduced in the House of Representatives and in the Senate. NALC strongly supports these bills, the first major postal reform legislation in 15 years, because the bills address two of NALC's top priorities:

- The repeal of the mandate that the Postal Service pre-fund decades' worth of health benefits for its future retirees.

- A reform of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP) to maximize participation in medicare when active postal employees (as of January 1, 2023) retire and reach age 65.

Many members may have questions about the FEHBP, and Medicare provisions included in these bills. Unfortunately, misinformation about them is common.

Let us start with the proposed changes in FEHBP. Since things are opening up, we can start over pushing forward towards with the things we have missed out on and the things that we care most about.

Be safe,

In Unity,

Todd Tucker



## **LCCL Reports**

### **District 1 Diana DeGette**

Brothers and Sisters

Rep. DeGette has signed to co-sponsor H.R.695

I have scheduled to meet with Rep. DeGette's office on 06-24-2021 to discuss co-sponsoring,

Last month, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 (H.R. 3076/S. 1720) was introduced in the House of Representatives and in the Senate. NALC strongly supports these bills, the first major postal reform legislation in 15 years, because the bills

address two of NALC's top priorities: The repeal of the mandate that the Postal Service pre-fund decades' worth of health benefits for its future retirees. A reform of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP) to maximize participation in Medicare when active postal employees (as of January 1, 2023) retire and reach age 65.

Please "Take action" on the Postal Reform Act of 2021 (H.R. 3076/S 1720) by immediately contacting your member of congress and urging them to support this legislation that would put USPS on healthier financial footing. You can do this with the NALC app, or go to NALC.org, click on the "Government Affairs" tab. Then on the right of the screen click on Legislative action Center, then click the Read More Button under the Take Action Section.

There you would enter their first name + last name + zip + last four digits of SSN. We are asking your help to Please make an effort to do this daily as this legislation is currently being debated. Also, please share this with as many members as possible.

Thank you  
Jeffrey Frey,  
LCCP District 1  
720-323-9015

### **District 2 Joe Neguse**

There is always legislation before Congress which is important to our union and affects us. The legislation that is currently before Congress is different. HR 3076 deals with longstanding issues and prepares us, going forward, in a way no previous bill has. It has three parts. First, it would simply state that six day delivery is the law, instead of having to insert it as a part of a funding bill every session. There was a time when a previous Postmaster General was pushing to eliminate Saturday delivery. That time has come

and gone. Second, it would eliminate the requirement, established in the 2006 law known as PAEA, that the USPS, unlike any other organization, public or private, prefund the cost of future retiree healthcare expenses. This section has also been introduced as a separate bill, as HR 695. We are hoping both will pass. Finally, HR 3076 would, with some appropriate exceptions, enroll our members in Medicare when they retire. Most members, around 8 out of 10, already do and it would waive the penalty, which would normally apply, for enrolling late. The bigger the pool, the lower the premiums, the lower the overall cost.

In Solidarity

Phil Wickman

### **District 3 Lauren Boebert**

Greeting Brothers and Sisters

I hope this finds you all safe, sound, and keeping cool. 2021 has been filled with meetings, training, masks, and zoom; however, it has also re-instilled how our role as part of the Post Office is. I have met with Rep. Boebert's congressional aides at the Pueblo office. While there, I was able to explain the

legislation that we are asking our reps and senators to get on board with and why this is important. I am optimistic as this went well yet remain realistic.

We have a lot of work to be done in District 3; I look forward to this challenge.

Currently, we are tasked with reminding our co-workers how important it is to hold our elected officials accountable. Keeping up with reminders of how they can voice their needs to their representatives and senators is important; this includes getting those not involved with the LCPF to sign up. I'd really like to thank Doug Jaynes, Danielle Faken-Moorman, and John Beaumont for all of their help as I continue to learn all that is involved and how I can achieve success as a new LCCL.

In Solidarity  
Nikki Encinias

### **District 4 Ken Buck**

Letter Carriers in CD4,

I am pleased to tell you I believe we are making progress with Representative Ken Buck in Colorado Congressional District 4 concerning current legislation on postal issues. I have reached out to Congressman Buck's office concerning H.R. 3076 and received a positive response that is better than we have received in the past. All of us need to step up

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and **TAKE ACTION!** If you haven't been to [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org) yet to contact Congressman Buck's Office, it isn't too late. It is also a very simple process.

As many of us know, our rights and protections that we have can be taken away with the stroke of a pen. This is the first time in a long time we have had this level of bi-partisan support to get this legislation passed. Let your congressional leaders hear from you and don't delay.

Please take time to visit [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org) and check out all of the latest legislative activities and how you can **TAKE ACTION.**

In Unity,

Richard Byrne

## **District 5 Doug Lamborn**

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is faring well as we continue to move into better times during this pandemic. As we all know however, our daily struggles are far from over as letter carriers. On top of being out in the elements and still working countless hours, we are tasked with hoping that the 117<sup>th</sup> congress will do right by us. The Postal Reform Act of 2021 was introduced both in the House (H.R. 3076) and in the Senate (S. 1720) in early May. Both bills are aimed at providing stability to and enhancing the services of the United States Postal Service.

The push right now is for everyone who has not already, to reach out and ask your representatives and senators for their support on these two bills. The NALC has made it incredibly easy to send an email, letter or phone message through the 'Take Action' link on nalc.org. It really only takes a minute or so to do. I've seen in the past that our level of participation is somewhat lacking. I'd really hope every single letter carrier that reads this right now turns that around, if not for those of us asking, but for YOUR own job. We have seen how important we are to the community, especially through this last year. We continue to need all the help and resources we can get and if we can get these bills passed, it will mean a much brighter future for us all. If you need any assistance or guidance, all of us LCCL's are here to help.

In Unity,  
Lindsay Salazar

## **District 7 Ed Perlmutter**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I am Adam Albrecht, the LCCL for district 7. This is my first article so I might as well introduce myself. I've lived in this district for most of my adult life and I've been a carrier at the Lakewood station for around 7 years. I love Lakewood and I am honored that I get to serve the association by educating my elected official on the issues that are important to the NALC and the carriers it represents. In Ed's case I mostly just get to thank him for his support, he is often among the first to co-sponsor the bills we care about.

With HR 3076 - postal service reform act of 2021 not only fixes many of the post office's financial woes, it has bipartisan support which is necessary in this polarized congress. I look forward to continuing to work on this and all of the legislative interests of my fellow carriers.

In solidarity,

Adam Albrecht



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## Letter Carrier Political Fund

As a member of the NALC, there are several easy ways to give to the Letter Carrier Political Fund:  
Payroll deduction: Contribute automatically, using PostalEase (either online or by phone) to set up an allotment deduction from your USPS paycheck.

**Direct bank withdrawal:** You can authorize the fund to withdraw a monthly electronic contribution directly from your personal checking account

**Annuity deduction:** Retired letter carriers can elect to give monthly via an automatic deduction from your monthly annuity.

**Family Member Contribution:** How immediate family members of NALC members contribute to the Letter Carrier Political Fund using Electronic Fund Transfer or by making a One-Time contribution

**One-Time Letter Carrier Political Fund Contributions:** This form should be used to identify names and members making one-time contributions.

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On the second Saturday in May for nearly three decades, letter carriers have collected bag upon bag of groceries donated by postal customers who leave the food at their mailboxes. For the second year, after 27 traditional food drives, The NALC was again forced to postpone the food drive again for 2021, the pandemic's impact on the economy has increased the problem of hunger putting additional pressure on food banks, as many working people have lost their income and struggle to buy food even as donations decline.

As the need for food assistance is still more significant than ever, we want to allow everyone to continue to meet the needs of your local community food pantry or bank. The NALC's virtual food drive, was established in June 2020 and raises funds for food banks nationwide to help fill the nutritional needs of the 1 in 8 Americans who face food insecurity, including millions of children, older people, and military veterans, the is a drive with a single mission—to feed the hungry in America, and as always, with your help, we will! Food drive coordinators can find resources to help them in their local communities by going to [www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive/2021-donor-drive](http://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive/2021-donor-drive).

Ask carriers (pass the hat around) at your station to please donate what they can to the food bank in your community. Go to above link and simply find your state and click on the link to donate directly. All collections stay in the local community. Three stations in Denver raised almost \$4000.00 asking carriers to donate to the food drive and branches have donated designated food drive funds to their food banks.

National is still matching donations from local branches funds, but not what is donated from personal contributions by carriers. So to get an early start on the 2022 food drive start contacting, food banks and sponsors by August and get an early start on Stamp Out Hunger2022.

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