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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I have accepted the challenge of organizing a campaign to raise awareness in the Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF) Just as important as getting our message heard by our law makers it is necessary to build the fund to elect Law Makers that understand the importance of the United States Postal Service and Collective Bargaining.

It started recently on October 8, Columbus Day, when the NALC and other Postal Union's rallied nationwide to make the statement "The U.S. MAIL IS NOT FOR SALE". We stood together to protect our Postal jobs, rights and benefits. Not everyone understands the effect legislation has on our lives, communities and jobs. It was the first step in raising awareness of the potential changes to our way of life.

Unfortunately, Congress and the Senate have a huge influence on the USPS and the Postal Board of Governors of the USPS which make the laws, prices and rules that affect our jobs in many ways. The USPS is the third largest Civilian employer in the United States and one of the largest Civilian vehicle fleets in the world.

The NALC keeps a watchful eye on legislation as it develops and there are times a phone call, letter or even a visit to our representative's office is necessary. We are their constituents that vote them into office. It doesn't matter the political affiliation Democrat, Republican or Independent once they are elected, make sure you hold them accountable and that they support the issues that affect our jobs.

What's at stake for you! The current issues we face include higher federal pension contributions, eliminating COLAs for current and future retirees FERS, reducing COLAs for CSRS annuitants, eliminates social security supplement for FERS, slashing the rate of interest paid on TSP (G Fund), eliminating Saturday delivery or door to door delivery and of course the move to privatize the Post Office.

"We Deliver for America"
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A strong Letter Carrier Political Fund is important. Working with our elected officials is important. Getting those who support us elected is more significant. I have started with asking the Branch Stewards and Officers to sign up for the Task Force. We need as many activist to assist in signing members up for the fund.

We may contribute in many ways' paycheck, bank account, annuity or even a onetime contribution. Many of us will be receiving a raise and COLAs in November and won't even feel the difference of a contribution of \$5 or \$10 dollars from each pay check. Some may be able to give more or less is not about the contribution but the participation.

Even if you have all allotments used we may assist you in other ways to still contribute. Get involved by joining the LCPF. Any amount helps. We wouldn't dream of not carrying house, car, health and life insurance, think of this as job insurance or retirement insurance.

Anyone interested in signing up for the Letter Carrier Political Fund or being part of our Team please contact me to train, inform you on the duties and how you can help.

Sincerely,

Zulma Betancourt,
Branch 1477 First Vice President



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