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Fredric V. Rolando, President

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The Honorable Trey Gowdy
U.S. House of Representatives
2418 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Gowdy,

On behalf of the more than 290,000 active and retired letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), I write to congratulate you on your selection as Chair of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

As you begin your new role, we look forward to working with you to ensure the constitutionally-mandated Postal Service remains the best and most efficient universal mail service in the world, which it achieves without the use of taxpayer dollars. Because of the bipartisan work done by you and fellow members of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee on H.R. 756 and H.R. 760, the groundwork has been laid to achieve the right kind of postal reform through the legislative process. We are joined by a broad range of stakeholders – including postal unions, postal management, and a broad cross-section of the mailing industry that employs more than 7 million private sector workers – who will continue to support advancing reform.

NALC's top priority is strengthening the Postal Service and its network so that it continues to serve the American people while providing good letter carrier jobs for our members. As you begin your new role as chairman, we remain committed to this effort and firmly believe that there is a consensus approach to sensible postal reform that is based on private-sector best practices that will allow America's most beloved institution to flourish in the 21st Century.

On policies related to the federal workforce, NALC is also deeply concerned over budget proposals that would slash the frequency and quality of mail service and increase our members' contributions to pension benefits. Given that the Postal Service does not rely on taxpayer dollars and that we have, uniquely, fully funded our postal pension accounts, we hope you will stand with us in opposing these types of proposals as they come up in the future.

With nearly 30 percent of our workforce being veterans, our members know the importance of public service. Our union stands ready to work with you and your staff to help create policies that will allow the Postal Service to remain an innovative, affordable service for the millions of Americans and small business owners who rely on it. To that end, I hope to meet with you directly in the coming weeks so that we can discuss our collective efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fredric V. Rolando".

Fredric V. Rolando
President