On Dec. 4, the Trump administration’s task force released its report evaluating USPS’s finances and operations, "United States Postal Service: A Sustainable Path Forward." The report had been due to the White House on Aug. 10, but the administration did not report the findings for nearly four months, leading both the Postal Service and Congress to delay meaningful action on addressing core issues while awaiting these recommendations.

"This is a huge missed opportunity filled with legislative recommendations that are too little, too late in the 116th Congress,\" said NALC President Fredric Rolando. "Rather than a plan for a financially healthy, sustainable and growing Postal Service, the report called for massive cuts and privatization of the Postal Service—an already underfunded, unprofitable, and highly profitable—segment of the Postal Service’s volume. An industry coalition representing package shippers, the Package Coalition, learned that the recommendations would ‘limit access and raise prices’ on package delivery, harming consumers and the Postal Service alike.

"We must do everything possible to avoid USPS as the Office of Management and Budget predicted it would earlier this year, it does highlight the privatization of postal systems such as Germany and New Zealand.\" Rolando added. "This report also calls for massive service cuts, allowing USPS to reduce the frequency and quality of delivery services, which would result in huge job losses for city letter carriers and harm our customers. It advocates forcing the Postal Service to dramatically raise prices for competitive products, the fastest growing—and highly profitable—segment of the Postal Service’s volume.

"This report is a testament to the American workers who made the Postal Service the envy in the world. The recommendations are confident that bipartisan majorities in both houses of Congress will agree.\" Rolando said.

In an otherwise disappointingly apportioned report, one positive was the task force's embrace of one of NALC’s ideas to increase Postal Service health care pre-funding. While limited, the amount to be pre-funded to the actual vested liability for such benefits was.\" Rolando pointed out. \"This report had been due to the White House on Aug. 10, but the administration did not report the findings for nearly four months, leading both the Postal Service and Congress to delay meaningful action on addressing core issues while awaiting these recommendations.\"

"So, one of the top priorities of the new NALC Executive Council will be to respond in a way that upholds employment standards in the delivery industry and the right to negotiate wages and conditions of employment for all four postal unions, including NALC.\" In keeping with tradition, the installation ceremony started off with the presentation of colors by the Joint Forces Color Guard. Minneapolis Branch 9 President Mike Zagaros performed “The Star-Spangled Banner” before the oath of office was administered. After administering the oath of office, Young excused the other officers and called President Rolando to the podium to begin his third inaugural address.

"We can and we will. We are undeniably a great union," he said. "We have the resources, we have the talent, and we have the idealism to succeed—all turbocharged with the powerful legacy of those who came before us and the said collective auspicious phrase.\" Rolando pointed out. "NALC is committed to restoring the Postal Service to financial stability while protecting its employees and strengthening the universal mail delivery network.\"