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NALC calls for sensible postal reform in the House

The April 30 hearing, “Postal Service Reform,” held by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee’s Postal Sub-Committee, was a significant event for postal stakeholders, including the employee unions and coalitions of mailers, who share a consensus that the Postal Service needs to pass postal reform legislation and to move forward on addressing pre-funding, the primary source of the Service’s financial crisis.

Before reaching the Oversight and Reform hearing, committee Chairman Elijah Cummings (D-MD) spoke about the need to move legislation for Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 2478 or S. 1317) and the Postal Service Reform Act (H.R. 2553). The bill is identical to versions introduced in previous Congresses and would address pre-funding for the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund.

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Committee members from both parties spoke of the desire to pick up where the last Congress left off, with a bill that would address pre-funding, the primary source of the Service’s financial crisis,” President Rolando said. “A repeal, in whole or in part, would go a long way toward stabilizing the Service’s finances. In our opinion, it is absolutely the solution to the postal financial crisis,” President Rolando said.

Two of NALC’s priority resolutions reach majority of support

Two of NALC’s priority resolutions have reached a majority of support in Congress. Thanks to hard work of our Branch Treasurers, NALC’s financial officers, state and local representatives and all of our membership in contributing to Sunday delivery, our letter carriers and our members have reached a majority of support for NALC’s proposal to allow six-day delivery in the current Congress.

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NALC files three national-level grievances

NALC also filed a national-level grievance regarding the Postal Service’s continuance of non-carrier operations with the last Congress. Two NALC grievances have now been filed; one in the House and one in the Senate. In both cases, NALC’s grievance was not allowed to proceed in the lower chamber of Congress which is currently就是 the House of Representatives. NALC’s position is that the Postal Service cannot support compliance with the binding award.

NALC’s priority resolutions, Branch officers, representatives and members are invited to join NALC’s national-level grievances. NALC is the only national organization in this country that can help you protect your job and you can do it for free.

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Branch Officers Training registration form

Please register for one of the following NALC Branch Officers Training sessions:

| Aug. 6-8 | Columbus, OH |
| Aug. 13-15 | Norfolk, VA |

Please contact Membership Department, NALC, for the application period open

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