”Enough is enough”

“We’ve had 27 assaults or attempted robberies (in Cincinnati) since January of 2023, 27 assaults in one year. Each assault is a violation of our civil rights, and each assault is also a violation of our crime prevention laws. It is absolutely unacceptable,” said NALC President Brian L. Renfroe at the Cincinnati rally.

The rally followed similar ones held in Chicago on Aug. 8 and Washington, D.C., on Aug. 15. The rally was attended by local NALC members, letter carriers, local union leaders, elected officials, law enforcement, and other demonstrators.

The rally was called in response to an increase in violence against letter carriers. The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) has been working to improve safety for letter carriers and has been calling for stricter penalties and increased enforcement to prevent these attacks.

NALC President Brian Renfroe stated: “This is too many. It’s too many for us to be silent. This is too many for the law enforcement agencies to do nothing. Something has to change. We’ve got solutions technology-wise to make the ways we access mail safer. We’ve got solutions policy-wise to protect our members.”

NALC calls for repeal of WEP and GPO

On Sept. 15, the NALC participated in a Capitol Grounds in Washington, D.C., to oppose the World War II Era Pre-Service and Post-Service excess and disqualification (WEP) Act and the government service retirement exclusion (GPO) Act signing event, which was held in conjunction with the House of Representatives.

The event, organized by the National WEP (GPO) Reform Task Force, focused on the negative impact of the WEP and GPO Acts on the eligibility of federal retirees for Social Security benefits.

The rally was attended by NALC President Brian L. Renfroe, local union leaders, elected officials, law enforcement, and other demonstrators.

NALC President Brian Renfroe stated: “We need to repeal the WEP and GPO Acts. These laws unfairly reduce or eliminate Social Security benefits for federal retirees. They are discriminatory and violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution. They violate the Social Security Act and the principles of fairness and equity that govern Social Security.”

For more information, visit the NALC website at www.nalc.org.