

Join the fight, give to LCPF



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Every day, NALC uses its influence to protect our members. We know that service depends on us. The communities we serve must understand that decent pay and working conditions for us—the people who deliver every day—is critical to the service they expect.

As I write this, we are weeks away from our Feb. 22 day of action, when branches across the country will come together to remind everyone of our value and call for what is fair at the bargaining table. Our “Fight Like Hell!” rallies to secure a fair contract are just the start of sending a strong message while we’re at the bargaining table.

We deserve more.

We must also continue building our influence to ensure that Congress and the administration do right by letter carriers. While we’re fortunate to bargain for our wages and not rely on Congress for our raises, as many federal employees do, we must remember that what happens on Capitol Hill still affects us in many ways, including at the bargaining table.

Congress has oversight of the Postal Service. That means it can (and has) passed meaningful legislation that affects our bargaining, such as the agency’s bottom line. Changes that would improve the Postal Service’s finances, such as allowing the agency to invest its health care retirement funds more responsibly cannot be done without the approval of Congress. To see these types of changes, we need to grow the pro-letter carrier majority that supports us.

This month’s magazine focuses on the Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF), NALC’s political action committee, and recognizes our members who are LCPF contributors. If you already are a contributor, thank you for making one of the best investments in your job and retirement security. If you haven’t signed up yet, I hope this article, and the entire magazine, will encourage you to join our fight on Capitol Hill.

LCPF is particularly important as we continue another year of

fighting like hell on multiple fronts. In 2025, NALC successfully fended off multiple threats to our members, including immediately shutting down some ideas before they even took shape. For example, the White House pushed to have the Department of Commerce take over the Postal Service, which would have effectively ended package delivery at the behest of private shippers.

Other ideas came in more concrete form. During the budget reconciliation process on Capitol Hill, NALC leveraged its strength to eliminate provisions that would have cut our retirement benefits and required us to pay more for them. The LCPF helped fuel our efforts to shut down these terrible proposals.

Our strength is created primarily through our collective action and our political influence through LCPF. Because of it, we walked out of 2025 unscathed. Even more, our efforts protected other federal employees and their unions, which have been under intense fire since the new administration and Congress convened last year.

We have long talked about the importance of supporting those who support us, regardless of their political or personal beliefs. It’s that simple. Anytime we smell trouble, we activate our friends on both sides of the aisle in the House and Senate. That activation comes from clear and consistent communication with offices year-round both in districts nationwide and in Washington. It takes resources to maintain that presence through strategic access. LCPF is that primary resource.

Currently, only 12 percent of NALC members contribute to LCPF. What we’ve accomplished and fended off with only 12 percent participation is incredible. If more members contributed to LCPF, our influence would be greater, our voice would be louder, and our impact on Capitol Hill would grow. We are stronger than ever before, but we can become even stronger and more influential.

If you are a contributor, ask fellow NALC members to join the fight and sign up. Face-to-face conversations about the issues that affect letter carriers the most are what help LCPF grow. Talking about politics can be difficult, but it’s clear and easy in our union. We support those who support us and our issues. Plain and simple. We use LCPF funds to support candidates who support us across the political spectrum. That is how we keep a pro-letter carrier Congress in place regardless of which party has a majority.

A little bit from a lot of people goes a long way. It builds strength and solidarity. I urge you to join the fight.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Renfro".

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