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NALC participates in second House Congressional Postal Caucus roundtable

Today, NALC participated in the House Congressional Postal Service Caucus's second stakeholder roundtable, which served as a follow-up to the first labor-focused roundtable in March that the union also took part in. NALC Chief of Staff Kori Blalock participated, bringing strategic guidance on the ways Congress can take action to support the nation's letter carriers, who are central to a strong, financially independent Postal Service network now and into the future.

The Postal Caucus chairs, Reps. Nikki Budzinski (D-IL) and Jack Bergman (R-MI), were joined by fellow caucus members Reps. Maggie Goodlander (D-NH) and Derrick Van Orden (R-WI), who asked panelists to discuss the role of the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), the Delivering for America plan, and most importantly, the Postal Service's long-term outlook.



While the first roundtable was focused on labor priorities, this second roundtable comprised other stakeholders such as those from the PRC, EasyPost, Envelope Manufacturers, PostCom, C21 Postal Coalition and Postal Supervisors to discuss their views.

During the panel, Blalock emphasized the shared goal of all stakeholders in working to ensure a strong service-oriented postal network that serves 170 million delivery points six—and sometime seven—days a week. NALC strongly emphasized the direct correlation between service and financial stability, highlighting that protecting service begins with investing in the Postal Service's infrastructure—namely letter carriers and postal employees, vehicles and technology. NALC's central focus was for stakeholders to work together on viable, bipartisan reforms, including a better investment strategy for USPS

retiree health and pension funds, increasing the agency's borrowing authority and fairly recalculating USPS's Civil Service Retirement System pension obligations.

"If you want service to get better, we must collectively focus on legislation to address these core issues," Blalock said.

Blalock emphasized that NALC appreciates every opportunity to engage in these important conversations and is committed to continue leading the fight to pass meaningful, bipartisan financial reforms and will work with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on the best path forward.

Senate introduces bill to nullify president's executive order limiting vote-by-mail

Apr 22, 2026

Today, Sens. Gary Peters (D-MI), Alex Padilla (D-CA) and Dick Durbin (D-IL) introduced the Absentee and Mail Voter Protection Act (Absentee MVP Act). The bill would nullify an executive order President Trump issued on March 31 related to mail-in voting.

Additionally, the bill bans any similar executive orders by blocking the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from sharing state voter lists, defunding the DOJ's efforts to compel production of state voter lists, enforcing the Privacy Act by barring federal agencies from improperly sharing voter data, both within the government and with outside groups, and defunding any future Commerce Department efforts to enact partisan regulation of mail-in ballots.

The bill has 39 Democratic co-sponsors. In addition to the bill, this week, 34 Democratic senators **sent a letter** to the USPS Board of Governors urging it to reject the executive order.

The executive order, which is facing legal challenges, aims to severely limit mail-in ballots nationwide. The order gives the Postal Service new responsibilities much outside its typical, constitutionally mandated operations. The order gives USPS the authority to reject and refuse delivery of ballots unless states comply with newly established federal eligibility lists. The order tasks the DHS with building these state lists of voting-age American citizens. The Absentee MVP Act nullifies all provisions in the executive order.

"In a country founded on the ideals of 'We the People,' in which the right to vote is fundamental to who we are as a nation—people shouldn't have to work too hard to have their voices heard and their votes counted," Sen. Padilla said.

"Our Constitution gives states and Congress the power to conduct elections, and vote-by-mail is a legal and proven part of our nation's electoral process," Sen. Peters said.

"The right to vote is fundamental to our nation's democracy. But the president, time and time again, has attacked Americans' access to the ballot box, and his latest strategy is an executive order that targets mail-in voting," Sen. Durbin said.

"NALC appreciates Sens. Peters, Padilla and Durbin's leadership in fighting to protect Americans' access to mail-in ballots," NALC President Brian L. Renfroe said. "Voting by mail is safe, secure, and makes it easier for tens of millions of Americans to participate in our democracy. As this executive order is considered in the courts, NALC supports this legislation that focuses on protecting Americans' right to vote by mail."

NALC will continue to monitor this bill and any other legislation that would affect vote-by-mail and voting rights.

NALC to participate in House field hearing on protecting democracy and vote-by-mail

Today, NALC President Brian L. Renfroe will participate in a House field hearing in California focused on protecting democracy, election security, voting rights and vote-by-mail.

The event will be livestreamed at 11 a.m. PT. **Watch the livestream [here](#).**

The hearing will be hosted by Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and House Committee on Administration Ranking Member Joe Morelle (D-NY).

The field hearing comes while voting rights and mail-in ballots are facing unprecedented threats. Last week, President Trump issued an executive order aimed at severely limiting mail-in ballots nationwide. At the same time, the SAVE America Act, a voter suppression bill that also targets vote-by-mail, has continued to be debated in the Senate. Identified as a top priority of the administration, the legislation passed the House earlier this year.

President Renfroe was invited to participate as a panelist to share letter carriers' perspective on the recent attacks on mail-in ballots and how such drastic action could affect letter carriers' work.

Other panelists include Dr. Barbara Simons, former chair of Verified Voting Foundation; Kevin Shelley, former California secretary of state; Brittany Stonesifer, voting rights and redistricting program manager at California Common Cause; professor Rory K. Little, UC Law San Francisco; and Gabriela Carcamo from The Arc San Francisco.

"The recent attacks on vote-by-mail threaten voting rights, our essential work and the entire Postal Service," President Renfroe said. "Voting by mail is safe, secure and an essential part of our democracy. I appreciate the opportunity to bring NALC's voice to this panel as we continue fighting to protect America's access to mail-in ballots."

House subcommittee holds hearing on financial future of the Postal Service

March 17, 2026

Today, the House Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing titled "Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service: The Financial Future Under Postmaster General Steiner."

The subcommittee called Postmaster General David Steiner and David Marroni, director of physical infrastructure at the Government Accountability Office, to testify. Since Congress oversees the Postal Service, it is customary for the postmaster general to be called to testify. This was Steiner's first opportunity since assuming the position last summer to lay out his vision for the agency before the subcommittee.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Pete Sessions (R-TX) acknowledged that addressing the agency's financial situation was critical.

Ranking Member Kweisi Mfume (D-MD) recognized the recent threats facing the Postal Service, including President Trump threatening to put the agency under the Department of Commerce and fire the USPS Board of Governors last year. "The last thing we want is a privatized system," he said. He also recognized postal employees' dedication and emphasized that no postal employee should ever fear for their safety while at work.

In his opening statement, Steiner said that if the “status quo” continues, the Postal Service will run out of cash in 12 months. He referenced declining mail volume, the agency’s unfair Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) pension obligations, USPS’s frozen borrowing authority that has not been lifted in decades, the Postal Service being prohibited from responsibly investing its retiree and health pension funds, and USPS not controlling its workers’ compensation claims for the current financial situation. He called on Congress to act now by raising the borrowing authority. “One easy action – increasing our borrowing authority – buys us time. Time that we can use to best determine what the Postal Service should do to best serve the American public,” he said.

NALC supports and has advocated for several of these commonsense changes for years. A recalculation of CSRS pension obligations, increasing the borrowing authority, and changing the investment strategy for retiree and health pension funds are key financial changes that Congress and the administration should adopt. In his testimony, Steiner suggested modifications on federal workers’ compensation for postal employees. However, NALC strongly opposes any limitations on letter carriers’ workers’ compensation benefits. In his questioning, Rep. James Walkinshaw (D-VA) referenced a recent Office of Inspector General (OIG) report that revealed the Postal Service spent more than 800 million dollars on grievances. Walkinshaw expressed skepticism about how an agency that cannot comply with a collective bargaining agreement would properly handle workers’ compensation claims. Steiner said USPS would “outsource” the process.

Overall, members’ questions focused on service quality, shipping competitors, funding for Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDVs), letter carriers’ participation in the census pilot program, postal facilities, employee safety and more. Several members thanked postal workers for their dedication and service.

“NALC will continue leading advocacy efforts for necessary policy and administrative changes to stabilize the agency’s finances,” NALC President Brian L. Renfroe said.

“However, we will fiercely fight limiting letter carriers’ workers’ compensation benefits in any way or increasing usage of non-career employees in our craft as some in the hearing suggested. Even suggesting such foolish actions are insulting to America’s hardworking letter carriers.

“Local postal management’s lack of contract compliance costs the agency hundreds of millions of dollars. An agency that struggles to uphold the basic tenets of a mutual agreement should not have sole control over something as critical as workers’ compensation claims. The current non-career workforce in the city letter craft is a failed experiment.

“We’ll keep fighting like hell for a secure future for the Postal Service. But we’ll fight even harder against those who push any changes that would potentially harm our dedicated, hardworking members,” he said.

Following the hearing, NALC will submit comments for the record.

House postal caucus briefed on pressing issues

Mar 05, 2026

Today, NALC President Brian Renfroe and other postal union and association leaders briefed the House postal caucus on the most pressing issues facing letter carriers and all postal employees.

President Renfroe addressed the unprecedented crimes and assaults letter carriers continue to face and urged the caucus to advance the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.R. 1065).



He also explained necessary changes needed to improve the agency's finances. These include a new investment strategy for USPS retiree health and pension funds, a fair recalculation of the agency's Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) pension obligations, and an increase in the agency's borrowing authority, which hasn't been increased in decades. He emphasized that if the caucus seeks to improve service, these changes are essential.

"For service to improve, the Postal Service must modernize and have the ability to invest in its infrastructure. That infrastructure includes facilities, vehicles, technology, and most importantly – its employees," he said. "These policy changes will give them that ability," he added.

With Postmaster General David Steiner expected to testify for the first time before Congress on his priorities for the Postal Service, it is essential for the caucus to centralize these policies and avoid any proposals that undermine service, the network, or employees' safety, benefits, and job security.

Representatives from the American Postal Workers Union, the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, the National Association of Postal Supervisors, and the United Postmasters and Managers of America also addressed the caucus.

The postal caucus is a bipartisan group of 26 representatives focused on employee safety, improving service, and the Postal Service's financial future. The caucus is co-chaired by Reps. Jack Bergman (R-MI), Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) and Chris Pappas (D-NH).

Reps. Nick LaLota (R-NY), Emily Randall (D-WA) and James Walkinshaw (D-VA) also attended the roundtable.

President Trump sends USPS BOG nominees to Senate

Mar 02, 2026

President Trump nominated Jeffrey Brodsky, Robert Steffens and William Gallo, three Republican nominees, to serve on the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors (BOG). The BOG is structured to include the postmaster general, deputy postmaster general and nine seats, with no more than five from the president's party. Currently, there are four sitting governors—two Democrats, one Republican and one independent—with five vacant governor seats.

Jeffrey Brodsky would fill a vacant seat for a term ending in 2029. Brodsky is a co-founder of Quest Turnaround Advisors, LLC, a management consulting firm that advises companies experiencing financial and operational difficulties on turnaround and crisis management. Brodsky has overseen the bankruptcy and restructuring of many major companies, including Adelphia Communications Corporation, mortgage lender Residential Capital and Premium TV.

Robert Steffens is nominated to fill a vacant seat for a term ending in 2032. Steffens is an entertainment executive currently serving as chief financial officer at FloSports. Steffens spent most of his career at Marvel Entertainment, serving in various operational and financial oversight roles from 2002 to 2023.

William Gallo would fill a vacant seat for a term ending in 2030. Gallo is a retired commodities broker and entrepreneur from New York.

In addition to these three nominations, earlier this year, President Trump resent Anthony Lomangino's nomination to the Senate for a term that would expire in 2031 for a Republican seat. No additional Democratic names have been sent to the Senate.

Customarily, the Senate advances postal-related nominees in bipartisan pairs following Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs vetting, interviews, hearings and committee passage of the nominations before the full senate votes on them. NALC is closely monitoring these unknown nominees and will actively work to ensure they have the best interests of the employees and the network before they are confirmed.

House passes voter suppression legislation

Feb 11, 2026

Today, in a 218-213 vote, the House passed the SAVE America Act (S. 1383), a bill that would make it more difficult for U.S. citizens to vote in person or by mail.

NALC opposed this bill and sent a [letter to representatives](#) urging them to vote "no" ahead of the vote.

Even though voting by mail is a popular, safe and secure option, and nearly 1 in 3 Americans voted by mail in 2024, S. 1383 would put numerous restrictions on who can vote by mail. If implemented, mail-in ballots would be rejected unless a form of identification were included, making an already secure and reliable process more difficult.

The bill would also implement a nationwide, mandatory photo ID requirement for voting in federal elections, whether in person or by mail. It would further limit access to the ballot box by making registering to vote and maintaining registration more difficult. To register or update registration, voters would be required to present a valid passport or birth certificate. Tens of millions of Americans do not have passports, and birth certificates present complications, particularly for married women who change their last names. Subsequent documentation would be required to account for a name change.

Instances of non-citizens voting are extremely rare. In 2024, election officials found no evidence of widespread or systemic fraud.

The bill now heads to the Senate, where it faces an uphill battle.

House passage of the SAVE America Act is just the latest in the Republican majority's continued interest in bills that would make it more difficult to vote, including a committee hearing this week that focused on another voter suppression bill, the Make Elections Great Again (MEGA) Act (H.R. 7300).

These types of bills undermine the validity and security of vote-by-mail while making it more difficult for U.S. citizens to vote. NALC opposes any effort that suppresses Americans' voting rights.

House Labor Caucus briefed on letter carrier issues

Jan 21, 2026

Today, NALC President Brian Renfroe briefed the House Labor Caucus on the most pressing issues facing letter carriers on and off Capitol Hill.

The Labor Caucus is a group of more than 120 representatives working to advance the priorities of workers and the labor movement.



The following representatives attended the meeting: Mark Pocan (D-WI), Steven Horsford (D-NV), Steven Lynch (D-MA), Judy Chu (D-CA), Jesus “Chuy” Garcia (D-IL), Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Salud Carbajal (D-CA), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Emilia Sykes (D-OH), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Bobby Scott (D-VA), Sean Casten (D-IL), LaMonica McIver (D-NJ), Chris Deluzio (D-PA), Glenn Ivey (D-MD), Gil Cisneros (D-CA), Greg Landsman (D-OH), James Walkinshaw (D-VA) and Kweisi Mfume (D-MD).

Caucus members were briefed on and urged to support NALC’s priority legislation, which includes the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.R. 1065), the Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 1522), the Improving Access to Workers’ Compensation Act (H.R. 3170), the anti-privatization resolution (H.Res. 70) and the USPS Shipping Equity Act (H.R. 3011). They were also briefed on the Postal Service’s finances, the need to modernize the network, and vote-by-mail, especially related to the Postal Service’s recent announcement regarding postmark timing.

A significant portion of the meeting was devoted to representatives’ questions. Several members raised concerns about carrier safety and on-the-job crime. Rep. Landsman, the co-lead of the Protect Our Letter Carriers Act, urged caucus members to co-sponsor the bill, emphasizing that the goal was to reach 290 supporters to help bring it to the House floor.

Many members brought up the upcoming midterm elections and how the postmark announcement could affect mail-in ballots. Renfroe assured members that, from the delivery side, letter carriers are equipped and prepared to get the job done as they always have.

Rep. Cisneros asked about the status of new postal vehicles. Renfroe explained that while they “cannot come soon enough,” the production and delivery of new vehicles are on track with the projected timeline.

Rep. Walkinshaw asked questions about the Postal Service’s finances and how members of Congress could support NALC in its upcoming contract negotiations. Renfroe explained that one of the biggest hurdles we face regarding our contract is ensuring postal management nationwide upholds its end of the bargain and complies with the agreed terms.

Overall, the caucus members praised letter carriers for their work and committed to ways they could support NALC members.



House bills

Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (H.R. 1065)

Status: Introduced by Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Greg Landsman (D-OH) on Feb. 6, 2025

Co-sponsors: 211 (171 Democratic – 40 Republican)

To facilitate the implementation of security measures undertaken by the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

Fact sheet

Federal Retirement Fairness Act (H.R. 1522)

Status: Introduced by Reps. Gerry Connolly (D-VA), Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), David Valadao (R-CA), and Don Bacon (R-NE) on Feb. 24, 2025

Co-sponsors: 148 (128 Democratic – 20 Republican)

To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that civilian service in a temporary position after December 31, 1988, may be creditable service under the Federal Employees Retirement System, and for other purposes.

Fact sheet

Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act (H.R. 3170)

Status: Advanced out of the House Committee on Education and Workforce on June 25

Co-sponsors: 17 (10 Democratic – 7 Republican)

To amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, and for other purposes.

Fact Sheet

Equal COLA Act (H.R. 491)

Status: Introduced by Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) on Jan. 16, 2025

Co-sponsors: 78 (76 Democratic – 2 Republican)

This bill applies a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for annuities paid under the Federal Employees Retirement System that is equal to the increase in inflation, regardless of the amount of the increase.

Fact Sheet

USPS Shipping Equity Act (H.R. 3011)

Status: Introduced by Reps. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) and Suhas Subramanyam (D-VA) on April 24, 2025

Co-sponsors: 14 (13 Democratic – 1 Republican)

To amend title 18, United States Code, and title 39, United States Code, to provide the United States Postal Service the authority to mail alcoholic beverages, and for other purposes.

Fact Sheet

House resolution

Anti-privatization resolution (H. Res. 70)

Status: Introduced by Reps. Stephen Lynch (D-MA) and Nick LaLota (R-NY) on Jan. 28,

2025

Co-sponsors: 235 (210 Democratic – 25 Republican)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

Fact sheet

Senate bills

Protect Our Letter Carriers Act (S. 463)

Status: Introduced by Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Josh Hawley (R-MO) on Feb. 6, 2025

Co-sponsors: 14 (13 Democratic – 1 Republican)

To facilitate the implementation of security measures undertaken by the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

Fact sheet

Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act (S. 3296)

Status: Introduced by Sens. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)

Co-sponsors: 5 (5 Democratic – 0 Republican)

To amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, and for other purposes.

Fact Sheet

Equal COLA Act (S. 624)

Status: Introduced by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) on Feb. 18, 2025

Co-sponsors: 20 (18 Democratic – 2 Republican)

This bill applies a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for annuities paid under the Federal Employees Retirement System that is equal to the increase in inflation, regardless of the amount of the increase.

Fact Sheet

Senate resolution

Anti-privatization resolution (S. Res. 147)

Status: Introduced by Sens. Gary Peters (D-MI), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Susan Collins (R-ME), Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) on March 28, 2025

Co-sponsors: 7 (4 Democratic – 3 Republican)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

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