

MEDIA ADVISORY

National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) to Hold Emergency Rally to Defend the U.S. Postal Service Amid Threats to Dismantle & Privatize America's Most Trusted Public Institution

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WHAT: The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will hold an urgent rally on March 23 to oppose reported efforts to take away the independence of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and degrade its universal delivery mandate, which would affect every local resident, business, organization and neighborhood. We oppose any plans to eliminate the USPS leadership, abolish regulatory oversight, and carve up postal operations, thereby threatening the universal mandate to deliver everywhere and for the same price regardless of Zip Code. It also would put at risk the millions of jobs that depend on the postal network, rural and urban delivery services, and affordable shipping costs.

WHO: Local letter carriers and other supporters. The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) representing local city carriers is the main sponsor of this rally. Other local postal employees represented at the rally will include postal clerks, rural carriers, and maintenance clerks as members of both the APWU and NRLCA unions.

WHEN: Sunday, March 23, 1-2PM

WHERE: Monroe County Courthouse, 100 W Kirkwood Ave, Bloomington, IN 47404

WHY: The NALC stands firmly against dismantling a nearly 250-year-old public institution that serves the public in every location in all 50 states and U.S. territories, that is older than the country itself—and that is based in the Constitution.

If enacted, this plan would:

- Eliminate the USPS Board of Governors, stripping the Postal Service of independent oversight
- Abolish the Postal Regulatory Commission, leaving no independent regulatory authority on pricing and service
- Carve up the USPS, jeopardizing 7.9 million jobs tied to the postal industry
- Raise shipping costs, driving inflation higher for businesses and consumers
- Sharply reduce service to rural America, including 51.5 million addresses where private carriers often do not deliver
- Destabilize commerce, affecting small businesses and major private shippers

Every day, our 200,000 letter carriers deliver 376 million pieces of mail to nearly 169 million delivery points, supporting a \$1.92 trillion mailing industry. This universal service is vital,

particularly in rural areas where USPS ensures the delivery of medications, ballots and essential packages. The proposed executive order threatens 640,000 postal jobs, including over 73,000 veterans. And it would be illegal and unconstitutional.

Letter carriers, allies and postal supporters will gather to send a clear message: Hands off the Postal Service!

About NALC Branch 828:

NALC Branch 828 represents City Letter Carriers in South Central Indiana including the cities of Bedford, Bloomington, Brownstown, Ellettsville, French Lick, Jasonville, Linton, Loogootee, Martinsville, Mitchell, Odon, Orleans, Paoli, Spencer, and Worthington. Branch 828 participates yearly in the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive which is always the second Saturday in May. The local branch has been honored each of the last three years for top fundraising nationwide by branch size for their efforts to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

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The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) represents 295,000 active and retired letter carriers across the United States, advocating for their rights, safety, fair treatment and the delivery of high-quality service to residents and businesses nationwide. For more information, visit www.nalc.org.