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The Rush Limbaugh Show  
1270 Avenue of the Americas  
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Dear Mr. Limbaugh,

As the President of the National Association of Letter Carriers, I write in response to an exchange you had with a fellow letter carrier on the August 7, 2007 broadcast of your radio show. The exchange was also posted on your website. I am afraid that you and the "letter carrier from Sarasota" have misled your listeners about NALC and its approach to the 2008 presidential election. Once you know the facts, I am sure you will take the time on your next broadcast to correct the record.

During the show, a self-described conservative letter carrier named Kimberly complained that her union, the NALC, had solicited only Democrats in an issue survey of the candidates now running for President. The responses to that survey were included in the NALC's monthly magazine along with an endorsement ballot for members to express their views on the candidates. In response, you charged that "they think that they can hide from you the fact that there are Republican candidates." You went on to say: "It's what I mean, they think [you] are stupid. They think you're not going to notice this."

Unfortunately, the caller was mistaken and would have known it had she read the magazine, and you were offensively mistaken to say that NALC thinks its members are stupid.

As the attached copy of the article from the August issue of *The Postal Record* makes clear on page 22, NALC sent its issue survey to all announced candidates for President in May, Democrats and Republicans alike. Seven Democratic candidates responded, but not a single Republican candidate did so. I was disappointed by the lack of GOP responses because NALC is a bipartisan union that has supported both Democratic and Republican candidates to Congress over the years. We support candidates who support the interests of working letter carriers and working people in general, regardless of their party affiliation.

I can assure you, NALC does not think its members are stupid and we would never attempt to fool our members on any matter. If we did, we would not be the best organized open shop union in the nation -- more than 90 percent of all city letter carriers voluntarily belong to NALC.

The fact is, we are a democratic union. Our members will guide which candidate to support for President. But I don't know how Republican candidates expect to win the support of hard-working letter carriers when they lack the courtesy to respond to a simple issue survey. Not all Republicans show such a lack of respect, but far too many do. On the air you said, "This is where the Democrats are missing the boat." I respectfully submit that the only party "missing the boat" is the GOP.

I look forward to your on-air apology and clarification. I am sure you will post the correction on your website as well.

Sincerely,

William H. Young  
President

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# Postal Record

## TENTATIVE CONTRACT



### Members to vote on ratification of five-year deal

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## Help decide who should move into the White House

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2008 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

**Pick a president  
for your postal future**

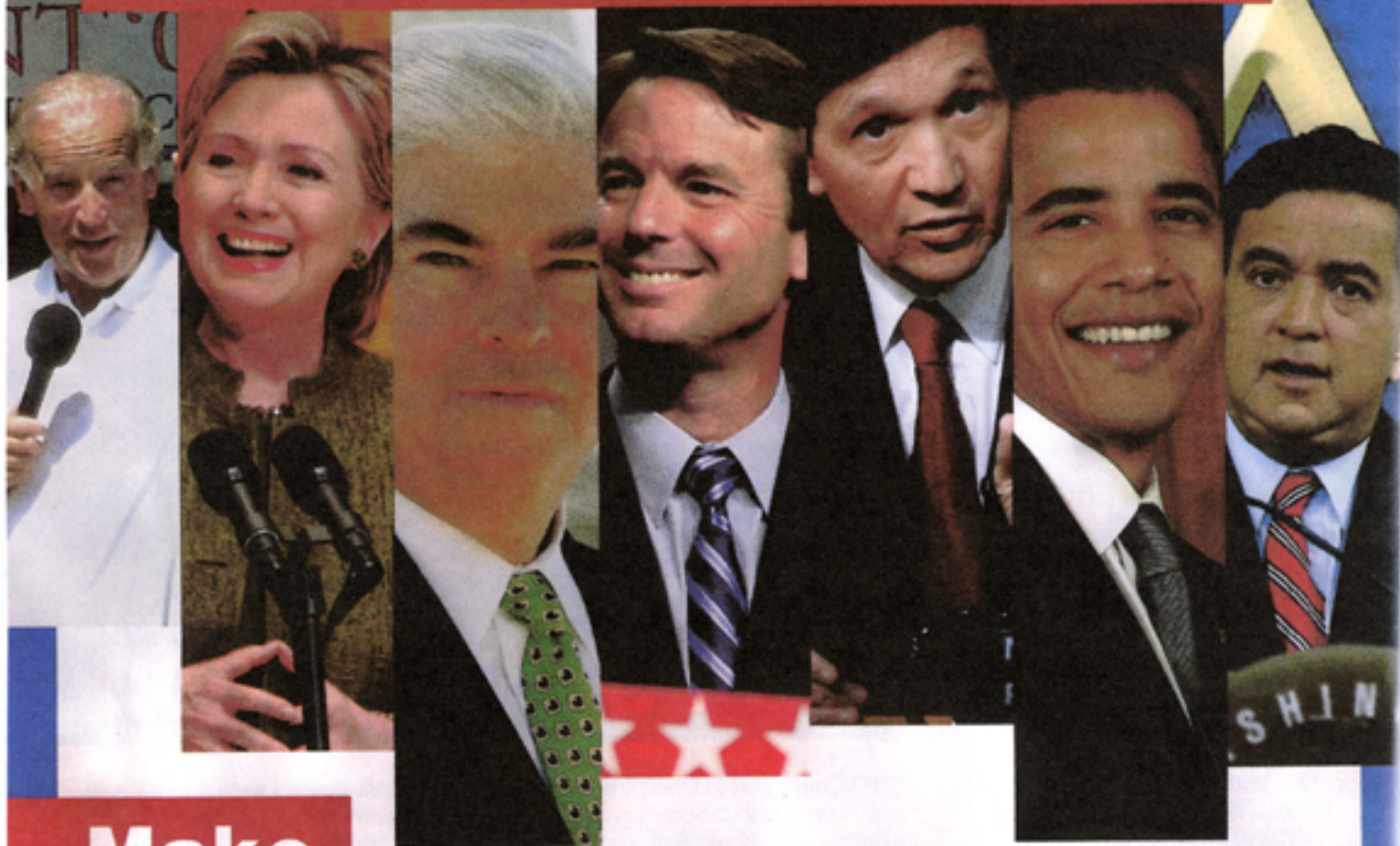
Read about the candidates who have called for the nation's endorsement on pages 22-29. Then indicate the candidate you support for president by placing an X next to the name below and return this card to NALC Headquarters.

**Candidates**

<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Biden	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Kucinich
<input type="checkbox"/> Hillary Clinton	<input type="checkbox"/> Barack Obama
<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Dodd	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Richardson
<input type="checkbox"/> John Edwards	

NALC Presidential Election

# Who should be PRESIDENT?



**Make  
your  
voice  
heard**

**W**ith the 2008 race for the White House already running full tilt, the NALC is surveying all members about who they believe should be the next president of the United States. The postage-paid survey card inserted in this issue is your opportunity to make your voice heard as the NALC considers endorsing a candidate.

"This election will be important for all Americans but especially for letter carriers," NALC President Bill Young said. "The Postal Service continues to face serious challenges, and we cannot leave to chance the political leadership that will either help our employer face the future or hamper our efforts to survive and thrive in the 21st century."

To help assess the presidential contenders, the NALC Legislative and Political Department in late May sent a questionnaire to all declared Republican and Democratic candidates—at the time, 10 Republicans and seven

Democrats. The questionnaire noted that candidates' responses to the questions "will weigh substantially in considering NALC support."

The campaigns were given seven weeks to respond. As the deadline approached, repeated followup requests for responses were made. On the following pages are the answers provided by the seven candidates who responded. They are also the ones listed on the postcard.

"I urge every member to look at these answers and consider where these candidates stand on topics like contracting out letter carrier work, voting by mail, and ending the government pension offset and the windfall elimination provision," President Young said. He added, "The candidates who chose not to respond also have told us a lot about what they think of letter carriers and our concerns."

Members should return their preference cards as soon as possible.