

BROOKFIELD JUMPS ON BANDWAGON FOR EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT



NALC President Bill Young is applauding Brookfield Uniforms for breaking ranks with its owner, Cintas Corp., by pledging to support passage of the Employee Free Choice Act, a crucial measure in the effort to rebuild the middle class.

In last month's *Postal Record*, Young blasted Cintas for opposing the Employee Free Choice Act to make it easier for workers to organize unions, even though its uniform business depends on unionized workers. He pointedly noted, "Perhaps letter carriers and other uniformed workers

should think twice about rewarding such chutzpah the next time they decide which uniform manufacturers to patronize."

Brookfield is the country's largest direct-seller of postal uniforms. Its workers are organized but its parent Cintas has fought viciously to keep unions out of its plants and distribution centers.

In a February 27 letter to President Young, Brookfield General Manager John Jared put some distance between the unionized subsidiary and anti-worker Cintas, citing his firm's relationship with the NALC and the Postal Service, dating back to the 1950s.

"Brookfield Uniforms supports the labor movement's continued efforts to ensure that hard-working men and women achieve the pay, health care and retirement they deserve," Jared wrote. "[W]e are proud to support the proposed legislation." ☒

Ready for Rap Session

NALC national officers and Headquarters staff are pulling together the final details for workshops to be held during the national training conference and rap session in Las Vegas on April 25-26.

All activities will be held at the Luxor Las Vegas hotel. Registration for the workshops will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the hotel. A welcoming reception will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There will be four workshops, which will be conducted twice on Saturday, April 25, in the morning and the afternoon. The topics will be:

- The Interim Route Adjustment Process
- Contract Administration Unit Briefing
- NALC's Community Service Agenda
- The Economic Crisis and the Postal Service

On Sunday morning, April 26, President Young will preside over the rap session and address the most important issues facing letter carriers and the NALC, including the postal crisis, health care reform and the Employee Free Choice Act. It is expected to conclude about noon. ☒