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**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE****FOR ENDORSEMENT BY:**

National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 82 (Portland Metro Area)

**WHO WE ARE:**

We are the labor union representing the approximately 2,000 city letter carriers employed by the US Postal Service in 32 post offices in the following cities – Beaverton, Canby, Forest Grove, Gladstone, Gresham, Hillsboro, Lake Oswego, McMinnville, Newberg, Oregon City, Portland, St. Helens, Troutdale, and West Linn. We are affiliated with the AFL-CIO and the JOBS with JUSTICE coalition.

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**Question One: Contracting Out**

The Postal Service is seeking to significantly expand the practice of outsourcing delivery services across the country to part-time, low-wage contractors. The NALC believes that the growth of so-called Contract Delivery Service not only threatens the jobs and incomes of America's 325,000 city and rural letter carriers, but also the long-term quality and viability of the Postal Service. We believe that Congress should closely scrutinize this practice in the course of fulfilling its oversight function. Would you support legislation banning the expansion of contracting out of delivery service?

**Question Two: Neighborhood Safety**

Animal control, sanitation and nuisance abatement, and police respect for the letter carrier's role are all issues we deal with every day. What would you do to help improve neighborhood safety?

**Question Three: Do Not Mail Registries**

Many state legislatures are currently considering bills that would create "Do Not Mail" registries that would prevent mailers from sending direct mail to those who sign up, just as "Do Not Call" registries prevent homes from receiving calls from tele-marketers. However, a "Do Not Mail" registry would have an extremely negative effect on letter carriers, mailers, and postal patrons alike. Direct mail now accounts for more than 50% of mail delivered by the Postal Service. If we were unable to deliver that mail to our customers, it would slash our revenues and adversely affect service levels in ways we can't begin to predict, and the USPS might well be forced to cut down on our routes and our jobs. Do you support such registries, if so why?

**Question Four: Employee Free Choice Act**

Over the past three decades, the American labor movement has contracted in the face of globalization and weak labor laws. More than half of working Americans – 57 million – say they would join a union if they could. Unfortunately they can't, as employers routinely block their workers' freedom of association and right to organize. The Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA), would level the

playing field for employees and restore workers' freedom to form unions and bargain. Would you support the Employee Free Choice Act that passed the House of Representatives in 110<sup>th</sup> Congress? If not, please explain why.

**Question Five: Healthcare**

If recent spending trends persist, we will spend one out every five dollars on health care costs by 2015. What is your position on solving the healthcare crisis facing this country and our state? What do you think are the major challenges facing the healthcare system? What plan would you support if elected to solve these very important problems?

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