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The Maryland and DC State Association of Letter Carriers held their Congressional Breakfast on April 30. There were many speakers including members of Congress. However, our National Union President, Bill Young, hit a home run with his political and fiery speech. It was one of the finest speeches I have ever heard! Bill Young talked about a report done by the Economic Policy Institute. They have come up with 3 qualifications for what is considered a good job in the United States. 1) You must make at least \$35,000. 2) You must have an employer sponsored health benefit plan. 3) You must have an employer sponsored retirement system. ONLY 23% OF THE JOBS IN THE UNITED STATES MET THE ABOVE CRITERIA!! Look what Bush and his right wing cronies have done to the working class in this country.

President Young went on to talk about the destruction of the middle class by Bush, the most anti-Union president and the president with the lowest approval rating in the history of America. The need for passage of the Employee Free Choice Act and the need to bring manufacturing jobs back the United States. Young spoke on the lunacy of contracting out Letter Carrier jobs and that the war and occupation of Iraq should end. Young said, just think of the great things we could do for Americans with the 500 BILLION wasted on the war. Young said there is something wrong in America when you have 10% unionized here, yet 38% are unionized in Venezuela.

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