



Western PA. Postal Workers Solidarity Committee

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Dear Pittsburgh Metro Member,

Your absence was noted and you were missed at the Staple's demonstration in Blawnox at the Water Works Mall on Sunday, July 12. While your absence was noted, it certainly was not excused!

What you missed was a spirited diverse group that rose to the occasion and stood up for **you and your job**. The demonstration was comprised of active and retired clerks, motor vehicle drivers, letter carriers, mail handlers, maintenance members, and 'outside' unionists and supporters, not to mention several spouses and children. While you may have decided that Blawnox was too far to travel to, **there were even participants from members, retirees, and other unions from as far away as Beaver and Butler Counties!**

Your complacency has been, to put a fine point on it, totally inexcusable! Perhaps recent developments will shake you from your obvious mistaken belief that your job and your benefits are untouchable:

Due to the APWU's bull dog persistence, the clandestine cabal between the Postal Service and Staple's has been revealed. It is a sobering document that, if carried through to the intended conclusion, will be the death knell for the Postal Service as we know it. It is not an overstatement that the intent is a massive shift from most current operations to private companies. It is intended as a seismic shift that will doom the Postal Service for all time.

The most damning provision states in clear language that the Staple's operation is a 'flag ship', which if successful, **will cause the shift of all window operations to private companies**. It follows that if all window operations are lost to privatization, the facilities where they are being done now will no longer be needed, since no business will be done there. The massive adjustments that will follow will affect every single bargaining unit job in one way or another, none of them good. That is what is at stake in this struggle, and how your job will be lost.

Still want to sit on the sidelines? It's time to get off your butt and join the effort to save your job and the Postal Service. The schedule for the next few demonstrations is on the reverse. If Staple's isn't stopped now, that could be 'the end of the ball game!' This effort may be your only chance to change the course of history and save your livelihood. You will never forgive yourself if you sit idly by while your job goes down the tubes. Later regrets count for nothing. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU 'ON THE LINE'. BE THERE! BRING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ALONG TOO.** After the demonstration all who demonstrated will get together for pizza.

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