



## Western PA. Postal Workers Solidarity Committee

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Dear Pittsburgh Metro Member,

Active and retired members have obviously taken serious notice of our previous letters about the effort to demonstrate at Staple's stores. The recent activity at the Robinson Township store on July 26 made it pretty clear that you are becoming engaged in growing numbers in support of the effort.

There were well over 60 combined active and retired APWU members, augmented with members of the Letter Carriers Union, and supporters from other unions and others. The continued participation by Beaver County activists rounded out the group. It was a great showing of solidarity to see Steubenville Pike lined from one end of the store to the other end with protesters, most holding Stop Staple's signs, and others brandishing large banners, while still others distributed leaflets. Closer to the store, the walkway at the entrance was also lined with sign holding demonstrators, with a strong showing of youngsters sprinkled in the line. (We stopped counting heads at 60 since there was so much movement that keeping track was impossible beyond that number, although clearly there were many more that were not counted.) **The Committee expresses our gratitude for all who came. Your support and involvement is what it takes to make the effort effective.**

The Committee also acknowledges and welcomes feed back from the members to this series of communications. The Committee understands that some members are required to work on Sunday's, and large numbers of senior retirees are physically unable to endure the rigors of active protests. (Sunday's were selected as "Protest Day", because that is the day most members are off work, particularly window clerks, since the Staple's operation most directly affects them, and they are available to join the demonstrations.) These communications are sent to various mailing lists that do not carve out those unable to participate. In those cases, while you may not be able to be with us in person, your "moral support" is most welcome.

**The schedule for upcoming demonstrations is on the reverse. We urge that you take notice and join us as we continue to keep the heat on Staple's wherever their stores may be located. It is the Committee's goal to demonstrate at all Staple's stores within the Western Pennsylvania area. That is why the schedule has been established for various cities and communities around the area. It is our intent to make every Staple's store aware that their store can and will be targeted for our activity.**

It is our belief that the effort here by our Committee is unprecedented in the nation. It is the loyal membership in this area that makes it possible. Thanks and a tip of the hat for your efforts. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! KEEP THE PRESSURE ON STAPLE'S!**

**JOIN US FOR PIZZA AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION.**

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