



Western PA. Postal Workers Solidarity Committee

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Dear Member,

It was a real surprise that the snow flew at the Staple's demonstration near the Beaver Valley Mall in Monaca on Sunday, October 18! As we indicated in our previous letter, the weather was due to change at the demonstrations, and it did! (At least we didn't get the 7" that fell at upstate New York.)

Nevertheless, the dedicated core of active and retired members, letter carriers, and motor vehicle drivers, augmented with supporters from the Beaver County Central Labor Council, braved the elements to take our message to Staple's and the public at large that the **US Mail Is Not For Sale**. Several participants 'set up' at strategic traffic points and distributed loads of leaflets to passing motorists. Others flanked the entrance to the store where potential customers, at least those that did not turn away when they saw the demonstration, were also handed leaflets and in some cases engaged in discussions about the purpose of our action. As we discovered at previous demonstrations there, the citizens from that area are very tuned in on and are supportive of labor issues.

While we honor with respect those that have stood with us at the demonstrations, there is a major disconnect with too many members that remain on the sidelines. Our advance team has brought the message of participation to the rank and file at Post Offices and the larger installations in clear and unambiguous terms. There is absolutely no excuse that so many of you do not join with your Union sisters and brothers as we continue to fight to preserve Post Office jobs. For those that are scheduled to work on demonstration dates or have physical restrictions, we don't expect you can assist. But the facts are that is a limited number, with the bulk of the membership available to join in. Don't you think it is about time that you get involved to save your jobs? Once they are gone, it will be too late to save them.

There are only two more demonstrations this year. The schedule is on the reverse. We don't demonstrate in late November and December due to holidays and work demands. So while you have taken a pass so far, you still have the opportunity to stand with your Union sisters and brothers in this struggle. As we used to say many moons ago, be there or be square!

We always get together after the demonstrations for Union fellowship and to share a bite to eat. That is the spirit of unity and common purpose that Unions are built on. You may not agree with everything the Union does, but it is giving you and your family a livelihood and prospects for a better future. But you must fight to protect and maintain your employment. We will welcome you 'on the line' as we close out this years activity. Be there! Or be!

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