



Western PA. Postal Workers Solidarity Committee

January 18, 2016

Dear Member,

~~Neither snow nor rain nor heat {nor bitter cold nor 40 mph wind storms} nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. (Slightly modified unofficial Postal Service motto.)~~ Cold, wind, rain and snow were the elements the courageous band of demonstrators were confronted with at the Staples demonstration at Robinson Township on January 10. These were the most brutal weather conditions faced thus far since demonstrations began in 2014. Yet these dedicated demonstrators did not waiver while being buffeted by the wind storm with freezing rain that changed to snow covering them. This was their finest hour. These are true Union heroes, deserving of the gratitude of every other member. We honor them for their tenacity and dedication. Even when four police cars pulled up in response to a bogus complaint from the Staples manager they were not moved. We stood firm. The police departed. We could not and would not be moved!

Who were these heroes? They were clerks, from a number of installations, letter carriers, and maintenance employees. Rounding out the group were retirees, some with spouses. Their fortitude was unmatched. Some positioned at various highway corners where they distributed leaflets. ~~The driving rain and snow did not deter them. It was so windy that they had difficulty with the leaflets. One covered herself with a garbage bag to fend off the snow. Others held the large banners at the store entrance while the wind tried to blow them away.~~ We cannot find the words to express our pride and gratitude for their effort. It is worth repeating ~ these are bone fide Union heroes.

But in the spirit of full disclosure, the numbers that attended, were, to put a fine point on it, paltry. Way too may rank and file continue to take a pass on this activity, leaving the task in the hands of a small but dedicated group. For this demonstration, the numbers tell the tale. Half the group consisted of retirees and their spouses. We understand that some simply cannot attend these demonstrations, but that is a relatively small number of the membership. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, "Never has so many Union workers owed so much to so few."

The handwriting is on the wall. The Postal Service plan to shift jobs to the private sector is underway and has been revealed in documents forced into the record during the NLRB case. Either those that can assist don't believe or don't care that the threat is real and immediate to take your jobs away. We believe that these good Post Office jobs are worth fighting for. But we need your help and participation. Look on the reverse to see the upcoming schedule. Take it seriously. Later regrets count for nothing. Join the fight while we have a fight to wage. We urge in the most serious sense that you join with us at these demonstrations.

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THE US MAIL IS NOT FOR SALE.
PERIOD!

Mike Plaskon, President
Branch 84 National Association
Of Letter Carriers

Kelly Dickey, President
Local 322, National Postal
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Chapter Of The American
Postal Workers Union

Frank Wozniak, Assistant
District Representative
National Rural Letter
Carriers Association

STOP STAPLES RALLIES

ALL RALLIES 11:00 AM TO 12:30 PM

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Cranberry Staples

1675 Route 228

Cranberry Township PA 16066

Sunday, February 21, 2016

East Liberty Staples

6375 Penn Avenue Suite B

Pittsburgh PA 15206

March 6, 2016

McKnight Road Staples

4801 McKnight Road

Pittsburgh PA 15237

**ALL POSTAL WORKERS, FAMILY AND
FRIENDS INVITED**

**STOP THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE
US POSTAL SERVICE**