



## Western PA. Postal Workers Solidarity Committee

March 28, 2016

Dear Member,

The following, published by the APWU, leaves no doubt, if there ever was one, that the Postal Service and Staples are conniving to move Post Office jobs into the private sector:

# Secret Document Exposes USPS Privatization Planning

A document unearthed in proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) reveals why the APWU is adamant that the Postal Service's deal with Staples – and others like it – must be stopped.

The March 26, 2012, document exposes the secret privatization recommendation a Postal Service consultant made to USPS management: Eliminate most retail facilities throughout the country, along with the work of APWU employees.

The document is covered by a "protective order" that prohibits its disclosure, but the Administrative Law Judge presiding over the case has ruled that the contents can be summarized and brought out from behind the veil of secrecy.

As described by the judge in his order, the document reveals that the Postal Service's consultant made a number of proposals to the USPS, including that the Postal Service invest in high-traffic Postal Service locations and that it eliminate the majority of the standard-volume Postal Service locations and migrate that work to retail partners that are not staffed by APWU members.

The judge's order says, "The document was not prepared by the [USPS] and does not, on its face, reveal whether the [USPS] adopted any of the proposals



contained in it." As the APWU sees it, the deal with Staples is consistent with this recommendation.

"The USPS claim that the Staples deal is about providing customers with better access is a hoax. It is clearly a privatization scheme to transfer postal services – and our work – to the private sector," APWU President Mark Dimondstein said.

"This document proves we are on the right track and should double down to stop this dirty deal in its tracks. Continue the boycott of Staples and *Quill.com* and continue to encourage our co-workers, families and friends to do the same."

The rally at Monaca on Sunday, March 20, was a huge success despite the last (we hope) snow of the season and falling on Palm Sunday! Nevertheless, a spirited group of more than 50 participants, consisting of Clerks, Letter Carriers, Maintenance, and Motor Vehicle Services Post Office workers, from multiple facilities, the cadre of retirees, members of the United Food And Commercial Workers Union, or UFCW, Members from the Beaver County Central Labor Council, college students, and many others, made a dramatic statement against the shameful raid on our jobs! Many thanks to those that braved the elements for the event.

**LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE REMINDER** ~ The Letter Carrier Food Drive will occur on May 14. The Committee urges your full support of that activity.

**THE US MAIL IS NOT FOR SALE.  
PERIOD!**

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Workers Union

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**STOP STAPLE'S RALLIES**  
**ALL RALLIES 11:00 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**Greensburg Staples ~~~~~ Sunday April 3, 2016**  
**6207 State Route 30, Ste 1027**  
**Greensburg PA 15601**

**Robinson Township Staples ~~~~~ Sunday April 17, 2016**  
**Robinson Town Center**  
**6521 Steubenville Pike**  
**Pittsburgh PA 15205**

**New Castle Staples ~~~~~ Sunday May 1, 2016**  
**Union Square Shopping Center**  
**Routes 224 & 376**  
**New Castle PA 16101**

**Belle Vernon Staples ~~~~~ Sunday May 15, 2016**  
**796 Tri County Plaza**  
**800 Rostraver Road**  
**Belle Vernon PA 15012**

**ALL POSTAL WORKERS, FAMILY AND**  
**FRIENDS INVITED**  
**STOP THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE**  
**US POSTAL SERVICE**