



Western PA. Postal Workers Solidarity Committee

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RANK AND FILE OUTREACH LACKING

It is undisputed that these are tough times for rank and file Postal workers from all crafts and retirees. From management abuse of Letter Carriers to the upheaval of schedules for Clerks and other workers in large facilities to short staffing at smaller post offices. These are the times that stress workers to the maximum.

Yet our problems are not occurring in a vacuum. The Trade Union Movement as a whole is similarly under their own stresses. It is a period requiring all workers to support each other. It is this cooperation, or lack thereof, that prompts this report.

For the recently completed three year Staples boycott, it relied heavily on 'outside' Union support as well as support from all the crafts and retirees identified by the signatures below. The significance of the 'outside' support cannot be overstated. Beyond being a morale booster for we Postal workers, that involvement was noted and praised by Postal Union leadership, and rightly so.

On the other hand, when **our** support is requested for the 'outside' Unions and social movements, except for a couple dedicated workers and retirees, Postal rank and file are notably absent from those activities. Some in the labor movement question the lack of reciprocation. Whispers have been heard that Post Office workers are a one way street, accepting help but never giving help in return. **This must change!**

Despite our mistreatment by martinet bosses and the physical toll that takes on us, unless we suck it up and begin to support others, when the crunch comes and we need their help the most, they may not feel compelled to join in **our** struggles. We urge that you get involved by showing up to support others in their public actions. Watch for publication of those events, and join in. You will merely be helping yourself. We will be looking for you!

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