

Brothers and Sisters,

On Tuesday August 5, 2014, the Postal Service advised the NPMHU of the implementation of withholding in accordance with Article 12.6B2 of the National Agreement. With this notice of withholding, anticipated impacts have been identified. Although the information supplied to the Union thus far is less than adequate, the Service asserts a need to reassign as many as 45 Full Time Regular Mail Handlers outside of the craft and/or installation, along with the termination of 14 Mail Handler Assistants. These numbers provided to the Union are completely unsupported and indicative of PMG Donahoe's disregard for service. As you know, little if any mail processing capacity exists in the Harrisburg processing facility. The Union will continue to press for complete and unredacted documentation to support the Services absurd claim that this AMP will lead to fiscal stability and improved service. It is far more likely that this proposed consolidation, along with the 81 other closures and consolidations announced in June, are part of PMG Donahoe's attempt to destroy the Postal Service as described by Local President Gibson in his June report. With absolutely no regard for the dedicated employees of this company who come to work every day and strive to make this a viable business, PMG Donahoe uses each and every one of us as pawns in his ruinous game of political posturing.

I urge each of you to continue to pressure our elected officials to oppose PMG Donahoe's Network Rationalization through letters and phone calls. Sample letters are available from your Union representative along with mailing addresses and phone numbers of your congressmen.

As new information is disseminated, I will ensure that it is made available to the rank and file, and as always, do not hesitate to see your Union representative with all questions regarding this matter.

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