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Dear Mr. Tulino:

It has come to our attention that the Postal Service is considering or is in the process of implementing a nationwide program establishing a two (2) tour operation, which is intended to eliminate or greatly reduce existing Tour 2, assignments, operations and staffing. We have no records of receiving any type of notification from the Postal Service concerning this matter, which directly relates to wages, hours or working conditions of APWU bargaining unit employees. Depending on the specifics, extent and rationale of these plans, such an initiative may constitute a violation or a mid-term modification of the National Agreement or a violation of the Postal Service's obligation to bargain with the Union.

The Union requests production of documentation on an expedited basis disclosing the specifics, extent and rationale of any nationwide or region or district-wide program, plans or initiatives to eliminate or reduce Tour 2 operations and/or Tour 2 staffing. As soon as the Union has received this information, the Union requests a briefing by the Postal Service, and requests that the briefing include managers with knowledge of the plans or initiatives.

Please contact me at (202) 842-4250 with any questions you may have about this matter.

Sincerely,

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President

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