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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Appointment of Postal Service Advisory Council under 39  
U.S.C. § 206

Dear Mr. President:

Under 39 U.S.C. § 206 the President is required to appoint a Postal Service Advisory Council. The Postal Service is required to "consult with and receive the advice of the Advisory Council regarding all aspects of postal operations."

Section 206 of the Postal Reorganization Act has been reconfirmed by Congress in the recent passage of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA). Nevertheless, no appointment has been made to the Advisory Council, and of course no meeting of or consultation with the Advisory Council has occurred, notwithstanding the mandatory language of the statute.

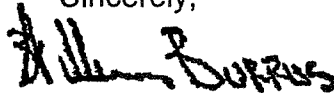
At this critical juncture in the history of the Postal Service, the APWU insists that the Advisory Council be established and consulted in accordance with the statute. Matters of critical importance to the Postal Service and its employees, including realignment of the postal mail processing network, implementation of a major new flat sorting program, establishment of service standards, and implementation of the new rate-setting provisions enacted by the PAEA, make consultation with the Advisory Council more important now than at any time since the passage of the Postal Reorganization Act.

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I request prompt compliance with the statutory requirement to implement the Postal Service Advisory Council.

I brought this requirement to the attention of Postmaster General Potter in a letter dated September 28, 2007. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Burrus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

William Burrus  
President

cc: The Hon. John E. Potter  
Postmaster General

William Young, President  
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John F. Hegarty, President  
National Postal Mail Handlers Union

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National Rural Letter Carriers Association