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Mr. Ronald L. Sargent  
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Dear Sirs,

I write to you both as President of the 325,000 member California Teachers Association. We are an affiliate of the 3.2 million member National Education Association. We interact everyday with over 6 million students and their families in California. As a labor union comprised of members ranging from pre-kindergarten to university educators, we are very concerned for the well-being of working class families throughout California and the country.

At our recent Board of Directors meeting, we discussed the pilot project between the USPS and Staples that has resulted in Postal Services being offered at some Staples retail locations across the country and in California. As a result, we are very concerned about the impacts of this outsourcing program and the effect on working families – many of whom have children in public schools.

We feel that a fiscally healthy US Postal Service is important to the economy of the state and nation and strongly encourage the USPS to not outsource its core postal services to private organizations. It appears to us that the USPS has made this alliance with Staples as an effort to reduce services, cut hours and eventually close more post offices and as result will cut good middle class jobs which will have a negative impact on these families and children.

The USPS is sabotaging its economic viability by choosing to turn over many of its core services to private corporations like Staples and driving its customers away from the post office. The USPS is shifting skilled middle class jobs into part-time, hourly positions with this Staples deal. We strongly feel that this agreement will lead to a further reduction of post office services and employment.

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The California Teachers Association stands with postal workers, legislators and educators across California and the country and we oppose the USPS-Staples post office privatization agreement. We believe this agreement is extremely harmful to the USPS and encourage the USPS to grow its core business by ending this privatization agreement, expanding operating hours at existing post office locations and restoring jobs to trained, dedicated USPS employees.

Sincerely,



Dean E. Vogel  
President

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