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Support US Postal Workers: Don't Buy at Staples

WHEREAS, the US Postal Service has a no-bid sweetheart deal with Staples to operate postal counters in 82 Staples stores and to provide nearly all the services US Post Offices provide; and

WHEREAS, the USPS and Staples plan to expand the program to Staples' 1500 stores, and

WHEREAS, the USPS and Staples have refused to staff Staples' postal units with unionized USPS employees who have the training and experience to properly handle US Mail, who have sworn an oath to uphold the highest standards of public service, and who are accountable to the American people, and

WHEREAS, low-wage, non-union "postal" jobs at Staples will inevitably replace the living-wage, union jobs of US Postal Service employees and Staples stores will inevitably replace US Post Offices, and

WHEREAS, privatizing the handling of US Mail will jeopardize the sanctity and security of the US Mail, and

WHEREAS, postal workers have been vigorously fighting this blatant attempt to privatize the US Postal Service, replace their living-wage jobs, and degrade service, and

WHEREAS, the American Postal Workers Union has asked for our support, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Labor Federation cares about high-quality public services, protecting living-wage jobs, and maintaining universal, affordable mail service for the American people, and we oppose the privatization of public services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Labor Federation supports the American Postal Workers Union in its efforts to protect living-wage jobs and its insistence on the highest possible standards of customer service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Labor Federation oppose efforts to privatize postal operations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Labor Federation urge members, friends, colleagues and family members to stop shopping at Staples stores until further notice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this call to boycott Staples will be communicated immediately to the members of the Northern Virginia Labor Federation, the APWU, the news media and Staples headquarters.

APPROVED: June 19, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel W. Duncan", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel W. Duncan, President