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MOTION OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Supporting U.S. Postal Service workers in their endeavors to ensure the efficiency of postal operations while maintaining living wage employment for postal employees throughout Allegheny County.

Whereas, the U.S. Postal Services has contracted with Staples on a no-bid basis to establish quasi-postal operations in Staples stores, thus providing unsecured post office services by low wage workers who are typically untrained and not able to perform to Postal Service standards; and

Whereas, the Postal Service and Staples have discussed the possibility of expanding these operations into all 1500+ Staples stores; and

Whereas, the Postal Service and Staples refuse to staff these operations with Postal Service employees, who are trained and dedicated to providing security and safeguarding the sanctity of the mail; and

Whereas, staffing these operations with untrained, poorly paid Staples employees will replace unionized living wage Postal Service workers, resulting in significant revenue losses to taxing bodies throughout Allegheny County; and

Whereas, Postal Service workers and the various labor unions that represent them in Allegheny County have been working for years to oppose this unwise shift of mail operations to untried and unreliable privatization; and

Whereas, the Postal Service has publicly discussed ending six day mail delivery and closing mail processing facilities throughout the nation, and relaxing the standards for the timely delivery of overnight mail delivery, all of which has the potential to negatively impact the well-being of families who depend upon wages earned by individuals employed by the Postal Service;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY,

That this Council hereby supports Postal Service workers engaged in efforts to protect living wage jobs within the County, and recognizes that efficient and secure Postal operations are a valuable asset to the governance of the County and a valuable service to the public at large who interact with the Postal Service on a personal, face to face basis daily. The Council will urge the citizens of Allegheny County to become aware of these threats to Postal Service operations, and the efforts made by the Western Pennsylvania Postal Workers Solidarity Committee when considering whether to patronize Staples stores.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: PRESIDENT DeFAZIO

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