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A Resolution to Support U.S. Postal Workers; Don't Buy Staples

WHEREAS, the U.S. 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 U.S. Post Offices provide;

WHEREAS, the USPS and Staples plan to expand the program to Staples' 1,500 U.S. stores;

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 U.S. Mail, who have sworn an oath to uphold the highest standards of public service, and who are accountable to the American people;

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

WHEREAS, privatizing the handling of U.S. Mail will jeopardize the sanctity and security of the mail;

WHEREAS, postal workers have been vigorously fighting this blatant attempt to privatize the U.S. Postal Service, replace their living-wage jobs with low-wage jobs, and degrade service, and whereas they have asked for our support;

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Virginia AFL-CIO 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Virginia AFL-CIO opposes efforts to privatize postal operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Virginia AFL-CIO will encourage all of its affiliated unions to urge their members, friends, colleagues and family members to stop shopping at Staples stores until further notice;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this call to boycott Staples will be communicated immediately to members of the West Virginia AFL-CIO and all of its affiliates, the news media, the APWU and Staples headquarters.

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Resolution was unanimously passed June 27, 2014 during a Special Convention of the West Virginia AFL-CIO.