



## American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO

1300 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mail Handler:

Hi, I am Bill Burrus, president of the American Postal Workers Union, and I want to share a message with you. You may have heard that APWU is considering an effort to "raid" your union. This is untrue. While we favor combining employees who work in mail processing and the BMCs into a single union, only the employees involved can make that decision.



If you believe you are well-served by having employees in mail processing and the BMCs competing against each other, I respect your decision. But if you believe, as I do, that Mail Handlers and Clerks have far more in common than differences, you – and only you – have options to bring about change.

I do not suggest that APWU has better officers or will process your grievances more effectively. I respect your national and local officers and the services they perform on your behalf. But too much of our energy is wasted fighting each other. Although we share many of the same objectives, we compete for jobs, with postal management pitting Mail Handlers against Clerks and vice versa. You win some, we win some, and we all suffer.

I recognize that differences exist and they would have to be addressed to your satisfaction. But can you imagine applying your seniority to obtain any job in mail processing or retail, including those at a higher rate of pay?

This effort is about you and how you and the competing Clerks in your facility can best be represented. We believe that postal management is our adversary, not the employees of a different craft. We can do better, but only if you decide that we would be better off together.

If you are interested in exploring this possibility, please complete the attached form and return it to the local APWU representative.

In union solidarity,

William Burrus  
President

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I am interested in being a part of an effort to combine all mail processing and BMC employees.       Yes       No

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