

## LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE

*Recommendation No. 3*

BASED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY:  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

**In Opposition To “Do Not Mail” Legislation**

WHEREAS, legislation that would create “Do Not Mail” registries, similar to the “Do Not Call” lists for unwanted telephone solicitations, has been introduced in several state legislatures, and such legislation—whether at the state or federal level—would prevent mailers from sending direct mail to those who sign up on a “do not mail” list; and

WHEREAS, contrary to unwanted telephone solicitations, direct mail to homes and businesses is not an invasion of personal time or space, and can be reviewed and/or recycled whenever the recipient chooses; and

WHEREAS, such a registry, often introduced by well-meaning legislators, poses a serious threat to the finances of the U.S. Postal Service, and the processing and delivery of mail; and

WHEREAS, advertising or “standard” mail has grown significantly in recent years, as retailers and political campaigns have discovered how effective it is as a form of communication, such that standard mail now accounts for more than 50% of mail delivered by the Postal Service, which no longer can rely on first-class mail as its principal product; and

WHEREAS, this is an issue that affects our jobs, wages, and benefits because it affects volume and revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service needs to maintain its universal and reliable service, and its affordable means of communication, for all American households, political campaigns, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, without the revenue generated by advertising mail, the harmful results could include eliminating six-day delivery, closing local post offices, closing or consolidating additional mail processing facilities, reducing the hours at many postal facilities, and vastly increasing rates for personal correspondence and package delivery; and

WHEREAS, taken together, these negative results could mean a virtual death spiral for the Postal Service (on which all Americans rely and depend);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPMHU strongly opposes any legislation that would create or support “do not mail” lists.

## LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE

*Recommendation No. 4*

BASED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY:  
CINDY HOEHL-RINKER, LOCAL 321

**In Support of Reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA), since it was initially signed by President Bill Clinton, has provided crucial support to women victimized by violence, by providing billions of dollars for the investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women, by imposing automatic and mandatory restitution on those convicted, by allowing civil redress in cases prosecutors chose to leave unprosecuted, and by establishing an Office of Violence Against Women within the Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, VAWA was initially drafted by then Senator Joseph Biden, with support from a broad coalition of advocacy groups, and was passed by Congress in 1994 with strong bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, VAWA was reauthorized by Congress in 2000, and again in 2005; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Senate passed an important reauthorization of VAWA’s life-saving programs that has the full support of women’s rights and anti-violence advocates; and

WHEREAS, the Senate bill would consolidate some programs to reduce costs, while also expanding services for various underserved populations on Native American reservations, on college campuses, among immigrants, and in lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender communities; and

WHEREAS, a bill now being supported by House Republicans would fundamentally transform VAWA, by slashing resources, by imposing new and unnecessary costs on service providers, and by rejecting VAWA’s victim-centered response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, while exposing victims and survivors to the risk of heightened violence; and

WHEREAS, the VAWA’s reauthorization is necessary to support the struggle, sacrifice, and courage of victims of violence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Postal Mail Handlers Union urges the House of Representatives to adopt the VAWA reauthorization that already has been adopted by the U.S. Senate, so that this important piece of reauthorizing legislation can be signed by the President and enacted into law.