

## LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE

*Recommendation No. 7*

BASED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY:

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD  
BOBBY BLUM, LOCAL 300  
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**Oppose USPS Plans to Dismantle the Postal Service**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service was established in the United States Constitution to provide universal communication accessible to and for the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, in response to recent financial difficulties, the Postal Service has embarked on and currently is implementing a plan to reduce service to the American people by closing or consolidating scores of mail processing facilities, reducing service standards, closing smaller post offices, cutting 200,000 career employees, restricting door-to-door delivery, and reducing residential delivery to five days per week; and

WHEREAS, these plans, if fully implemented, would dismantle a large part of the postal network and communications system that currently is the backbone of the Postal Service and its career employees; and

WHEREAS, these proposed changes will have an adverse and disproportionate effect on the poor, the elderly, rural communities, and others dependent on the Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, these plans are misguided, and if left unchallenged and unchanged, could lead to the demise of the Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, decreasing service and increasing privatization is not in the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPMHU should take all appropriate actions to oppose all unnecessary and unreasonable cuts in service, including specifically unjustified closings and consolidations of mail processing facilities that may be proposed and/or adopted by USPS management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU should join with other unions and membership organizations, as well as concerned citizens and community groups, to stop the reduction in universal postal services and to resist privatization by any and all lawful means possible.

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*Recommendation No. 8*

BASED ON RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY:

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Protecting Mail Handler Retirement Programs**

WHEREAS, the federal government already has increased retirement contributions for postal and federal employees hired beginning in 2013; and

WHEREAS, both the White House and Congress are considering additional cuts in the retirement programs covering most postal and federal employees, including all Mail Handlers; and

WHEREAS, most of these cuts would require all postal and federal employees to pay higher contributions with no increase in retirement benefits, effectively imposing a reduction in the take-home pay of all Mail Handlers and other covered employees; and

WHEREAS, such cuts are wholly unjustified and should not be used as a means of reducing the federal or USPS budget deficits; and

WHEREAS, these proposals highlight the need for all Mail Handlers and retirees to be legislative activists and ongoing contributors to the Political Action Committee (PAC);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NPMHU shall continue to educate and mobilize its members about these and future proposals, and the risks presented by them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPMHU shall continue to oppose these draconian proposals by all possible means.