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Dear Members:

Four years ago, the NPMHU and many Mail Handlers were part of a historic moment, when President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden were first elected to office.

Their first term, in January 2009, began with the worst economic recession in modern American history, leftover from the failed economic policies of the Bush Administration. Two years later, with economic progress slower than anticipated, the 2010 mid-term elections put anti-union politicians in Congress and state governments across the country.

Since then, American workers have been assaulted with a wave of attacks on average working Americans. Although our members in many respects have been protected against most of these attacks because of the NPMHU's 2006 National Agreement, our brothers and sisters in the wider labor movement, and working families generally, have not been so lucky.

The past two years have seen political gridlock in Washington, DC, as the Republican Party has made the defeat of President Obama its number one priority, while Republican leadership in Congress has refused to pass legislation that would create jobs, repair our economy, or even fix the non-partisan Postal Service.

Especially in 2010, too many NPMHU members decided to sit out that election. We cannot let that happen again. Every member of the NPMHU, and every family member and friend of the NPMHU, must be sure to vote on November 6.

Indeed, the same anti-Union politicians who drove our economy into a ditch before 2009 and who have barely lifted a finger to get the economy moving again are trying to solidify their supporters in Congress and take over the White House. The NPMHU and its members cannot allow that to happen either. During the past four years, President Obama has moved the nation forward, by stimulating the economy into producing 30 straight months of job growth, by reforming and extending health care coverage, and generally by creating in the executive branch of the federal government a worker-friendly atmosphere that will pay dividends for many years to come.

That progress must continue. That is why the delegates at the 2012 NPMHU National Convention unanimously endorsed the re-election efforts of President Obama and Vice President Biden, and that is why every Mail Handler needs to work and to vote for the election of worker-friendly candidates in this year's elections.

We urge all of you to do your part, and to vote on (or before) November 6.

Fraternally,

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