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Dear Brother Hogrogian,

We have just received the terrific news that the United States Postal Service and Staples have ended their "dirty deal" to put postal counters and services into Staples stores. This deal was an acceleration of efforts to privatize postal retail services and transfer good union jobs to low-wage non-union labor. It has been stopped and "stapled shut" in direct response to our three year determined fight back!

The battle could not have been won without your solid support and solidarity – From the NPMHU's Executive Board's unanimous endorsement of the Staples boycott to your participation in our National Day of Action, to educating your members through The Mail Handler and your website, the NPMHU has stood with the APWU in proclaiming that "The U.S. Mail is Not For Sale!"

The "Stop Staples" fight is but one skirmish in the many and deepening battles to protect public services, the public good and good union jobs in both the public and private sector. But every victory helps strengthen and steel us for the many just struggles ahead.

The Staples boycott is now over.

Again, thanks for your outstanding support!

Solidarity Forever,

Mark Dimondstein  
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