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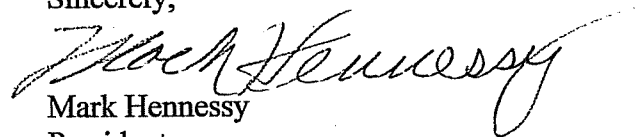
President Gwen Ivey
Philadelphia Area Local
American Postal Workers Union (APWU)
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Dear President Ivey:

The members, stewards and officers of the Tri County First Area Local #3800, APWU, would like to extend a commendation to the Philadelphia Area Local for your efforts in bringing to light the ongoing practices at the Philadelphia Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) that were having a negative impact on the members of the APWU, the customers of the USPS, and the postal community at large. These practices, which included falsifications of mail counts, delaying of the mails, and destruction of delayed mail in order to justify the elimination of employee positions and reductions in overtime and work hours, were reported in the *Philadelphia Daily News* throughout the month of December, 2008.

As dedicated postal employees who appreciate the gravity of your decision to approach both the USPS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the *Philadelphia Daily News*, we hope and trust that your actions will result in a commitment from the USPS to take serious steps to restore the public trust by ensuring fidelity and integrity in all matters of accounting and accountability, as well as returning customer service standards to a higher priority than staffing reductions.

Sincerely,



Mark Hennessy
President

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