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Dear Mr. Daigneault:

I am responding to the notice to the union by Doug Tulino regarding the study of switching to five-day delivery. I note that the request for input by our union is "on the impact of implementation of the above-referenced scenario." This request for input is therefore not on the decision whether or not to reduce delivery days but to share our views on its implementation.

Notwithstanding the narrowness of the request, the American Postal Workers submits in the strongest possible terms our insistence that the Postal Service refrain from conversion to five-day delivery. The consequences of the proposed change far outweigh the expected monetary benefits associated with delivery reduction. Six day delivery is deeply ingrained in the American culture and the role of the government in the communications system. Voluntary modification will have untold consequences, some which can be anticipated and adjusted accordingly while others will be irreversible changes that are unknown at this time but will be of equal importance. If enacted, history will record this act as the first step in the dismantling of the United States mail system.

As intended, reduction of delivery days will result in negative changes to employee staffing and scheduling. It is assumed that your staff has justified the serious changes it will afflict on employee reductions intended to reduce the employer's personnel cost; however, any **service organization** that **reduces service** invites its demise.

This decision is the worst possible response to unusual circumstances that have adversely affected mail volume. Reduction of delivery assumes that the economy will not recover and mail volume will never return as a viable medium for commercial activities. I strongly disagree and advise that you **don't do it!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William Burrus'.

William Burrus
President