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Dear Brother Pugar:

This is in response to your letter dated Oct. 27, 2011, regarding a national rally in Washington DC during the month of November.

I was extremely pleased by the response of our members to the union's call for rallies in every congressional district on Sept. 27, and I am gratified that many of our members are eager to continue the fight for our members' rights. Working with locals and state organizations, we will continue to organize and lead those efforts.

However, as I explained when I addressed the National Presidents' Conference and the Craft Conferences, it is not feasible to hold a national rally in Washington DC this month. Congress will be in recess for much of the month (from Nov. 7 through Nov. 14 and Nov. 21 through Nov. 25) due to two important federal holidays (Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving). And I believe there is insufficient time to properly plan for an undertaking of this magnitude on such short notice.

Furthermore, the four postal unions agree that our plans for future nationwide rallies should depend on legislative developments and should be coordinated as joint activities whenever possible. Our brothers and sisters in the NALC and NPMHU have decided against holding a rally this month, even though their contracts expire on Nov. 20. I believe it is important that we maintain the coalition we have forged with the other unions, and under these circumstances, I would be reluctant to proceed without them.

The APWU will continue to work in the best interest of our members, and plan appropriate activities as events warrant.

Thank you for playing a leadership role in our struggle.

In union solidarity,

Cliff Guffey  
President

cc: LeRoy Moyer

