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Day of Action to Save the Post Office – Emergency Meeting and Rally in the Bronx

What Can Be Done to Save America's Postal Service?

September 13, 2013 – New York City. With the impending sale of the iconic Bronx GPO by the United States Postal Service, elected officials, community leaders and postal workers are holding a Day of Action to Save the Post Office on Saturday, September 21, 2013. An emergency meeting is being convened at 11:00 am at Lincoln Hospital, 234 East 149th Street, the Bronx, which will feature Congressman Jose Serrano* on the importance of standing together to preserve Bronx GPO, Jacquelyn McCormick, Executive Director of the National Postal Collaborate on what legal actions can be taken. Dr. Gray Brechin, historian will make a presentation on the history and importance of these historic post offices that are being threatened, Jonathan Smith, President of the New York Metro Area Postal Union, APWU will talk on the importance of communities and postal workers working together, and Julio Pabon, community activist will talk on the importance of Bronx GPO to the community. The meeting is taking place at the Auditorium of Lincoln Hospital at 234 East 149th Street in the Bronx. Additional speakers are being added.

Following the meeting, at approximately 12:30 participants will take the short walk up 149th Street to the Grand Concourse where the historic Bronx General Post Office building is located to demonstrate the importance of this institution to the people of the Bronx with a Speak Out. Post offices play an important part in the community. Bronx GPO is no exception. The community will be heard on this matter, one way or the other.

The people of the Bronx, the people of New York City, and the people around this nation who depend upon the Postal Service are saying, "Enough is enough!" There is no reason why post office are being sold and downsized, mail processing plants are being closed, six-day delivery and home delivery is being threatened. The manufactured financial crisis is being used by those who want to cripple America's Postal Service in a plan to privatize its remains. People are aware that the Postal Service, even in tough financial times, does in excess of \$60 billion a year of business. It is also clear that the people who are most dependent upon the Postal Service; the elderly, the disabled, veterans, the poor, and small business owners cannot afford alternatives. It is now time to place a moratorium on the selling of post offices, on the closing of post offices, on the closing of mail processing plants and on the cutback in service to the American people.

*If Congressman Serrano is detained in Washington, DC, due to the business of Congress, a member of his staff will speak on his behalf

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