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The first three units to get hit with FSS adjustments were Twinbrook, Gaithersburg Main Office and Derwood. As of this writing, Potomac and the Rockville Main Office have FSS and adjustments are imminent. Management completely butchered the routes with their FSS adjustments. We lost 8 bid jobs at Twinbrook, 7 bid jobs at Gaithersburg Main Office and 4 bid jobs at Derwood. This has resulted in an 18 percent reduction in full time bid jobs in those units!!

The disruption to the lives of the Carriers and service to the public has been incredible! Carriers working more than 12 hours in a day (with the threat of REMOVAL if they bring back mail), Carriers working more than 60 hours in a week and super late delivery. (Carrying mail after 9:00pm was once rare, now it is common!) With hundreds of Carriers delivering mail in the dark, it's only a matter of time before someone gets seriously injured or worse.

The national must get involved concerning the two bundles of flat mail we are required to carry on park and loop routes. It is impractical to carry both relays in the bag. Given the limited choices available, most Carriers merge the two bundles into one bundle on the street. They know they are risking discipline, but there is no other way to carry the mail!

Please visit our web site set up by Union Brother Chuck Clark at (WWW.NALC3825.COM). We have added important Step B decisions, Formal A settlements as well as arbitration decisions and some contentions. You can see how much money each supervisor in the nation makes. You can also see the number of stops on each route, and detailed colored maps for every route in the country!

IN THE STRUGGLE,

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