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Mr. Charles Mapa  
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Dear Charley:

Tony asked me to respond to your message dated September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He appreciated the opportunity to meet with the League's National Executive Board in Louisville. It's always beneficial to get direct input on the many issues of interest to Postmasters.

As a follow-up to our discussions regarding the assignments of multiple PMRs to one office, I'm glad to report that our current procedures and processes do provide that capability, and there is no policy prohibiting the assignment of more than one PMR to an office. I agree with you that flexibility of having multiple PMRs assigned to an office can be beneficial to both the individual post office and to local postal service operations. Such decisions should be made by local management on a case-by-case basis.

I have passed your suggestion to have access to mail delivery information at retail counters using POS or some other method to the appropriate functional unit to see if such a process could be implemented. Any response will be forwarded to you upon receipt.

I certainly understand your concerns over the impact the various VER authorities and the freeze on non-bargaining field positions will have on staffing in the field. The freeze has not been lifted, contrary to what you may have heard. The Area Vice Presidents have the authority to grant exceptions to the hiring freeze, and local management is best suited to determine if requests for exceptions are justified.

On behalf of Tony and myself, please pass along our thanks to the members of the Executive Board for their hospitality, and we look forward to working with the League as

we continue to work towards maintaining our high standards of efficiency and customer service and to ensure the economic vitality of the Postal Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Jones", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William T. Jones  
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cc: Anthony J. Vegliante