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Mr. Ivan D. Butts
President
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Dear Ivan:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service intends to expand the deployment of the High Output Package Sorter (HOPS) in 2023.

As previously informed, the HOPS is designed to support the automated package processing of machinable mail parcels/bundles to output zones based on size, weight, and destination of the parcel. The standard configuration is a loop sorter consisting of a merge area, 200 bins (approximately 100 on either side) connected by two bridges, which are high enough to accommodate Power Industrial Vehicles (PIVs) and Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) and other mail handling equipment for use in sweeping the bins internal to the machine, and a key station. The configuration is adjustable, and the number of bins can be expanded to 300 based on operational need and available floor space.

Below is the tentative schedule for the 2023 HOPS machine deployment, by site, and installation date:

<u>Site Location</u>	<u>Installation Date</u>
Springfield, Massachusetts	January 2, 2023
Los Angeles, California	February 6, 2023
Richmond, Virginia	March 6, 2023
Richmond, Virginia	March 20, 2023

Please contact Dion Mealy at 202-507-0193, if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon R. Richardson".

Shannon R. Richardson
Director
Contract Administration (APWU)