

Subject Line: Patience for Our Workers

Attention Reader,

This year has been unlike any other, in more ways than one. For people across the world the COVID-19 pandemic has brought not only social stress, but particularly financial uncertainty with many in need of stimulus. However, while many were asked to stay inside, there are some who have had to go out and work more than ever. Among all of our essential workers there remains a particular group who go unnoticed and oftentimes underappreciated. Those people are the workers of the United States Postal Service, United Postal Service, and Federal Express, as well as other postal companies.

The mail undoubtedly is an important service of the United States government. This is an essential feature for almost all Americans, especially when it comes to tax season and the holidays. Without the USPS people would have difficulties sending important mail such as legal papers, tax paperwork, or money orders for family members in other parts of the country or across the world.

So this year and for those to follow, keep in mind the struggle of our postal workers who are understaffed and overworked during this time. Mail will be slow, and packages will be late. We simply ask for your patience as we continue to press through these trying times. Our carriers work long hard hours often without breaks or assistance, and I'm sure any form of thanks would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ian Studzinski
President

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Subject Line: Membership Opportunity

Dear [Recipient's Full Name],

I would like to formally invite you to become a member of the Pennsylvania Postal Workers Union (PCUP). The PCUP focuses on protecting and advocating for the rights of all Postal workers, including carriers, retail employees, and those of higher management.

As a member, there are a number of benefits one can expect. Firstly, it is a union's first priority to protect the rights and interests of all its workers. So in essence, this is one of the best ways of protecting one's position as a postal worker. We are here to ensure nobody is baseless or unjustly fired, and will help to make sure proper unemployment compensation is given should such a thing happen.

Secondly, another main goal of the PCUP is to ensure fair and reasonable working conditions and hours. Especially during times such as now with many carriers and workers furloughed, those remaining are placed under intense and unforgiving conditions. Working 10-12 hour shifts many days a week, including weekends, in cold weather and often working unaccompanied is demanding, to say the least. We are here to fight for reasonable work days and pay for such intensive days. Given there are only a handful of postal-based businesses or services, it could potentially be relatively easy for them to lock in the market and force workers into poor working conditions. We plan to counteract this with the power of collective bargaining, a quintessential part of any union. The more members, the stronger our bargaining efforts are and the more leverage we have.

One last example of our operations is our push for legislation in favor of our members. We make frequent efforts to communicate with local congressmen and our senators so as to make clear our needs and our desires for our members. By protecting our members' jobs, ensuring fair hours and pay, and staying in constant communication with our legislators, we are able to create a tight knit community of workers all hoping for a fair way to earn a living. Should this opportunity interest you, feel free to contact me and follow up with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Ian Studzinski
President

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Subject Line: Legislation for our Workers

Dear Congressman Perry,

I write you today in regards to our workers and their dire need of assistance in more ways than one. With many of our workers furloughed and those who remain working long difficult hours, there are many ways in which help is needed.

While President Trump—of whom we note you are a great supporter—opposed any kind of bills that would benefit the Postal Service in any way, we implore you to think otherwise. While before there may have been political gain in diminishing the income and efficiency of the USPS through its funding issues, the election has now passed. Mail-in ballots are no longer needed, and with the holiday rush slowing down we soon will see a decline in packages and conversely, profit. Because of this, we project our funding to run out sometime in mid-2021.

We ask that you and your cohorts vote in support of any relief or financial aid towards the postal service. USPS is an essential service on which many rely for things such as medication, important legal documents, and it is also a vastly pertinent service for many small businesses to send out products. I'm sure a man of your political orientation would have an appreciation for the value of our country's smaller businesses and entrepreneurs. Not to mention on top of all of this, the service employs 100,000 veterans. A proud vet such as yourself would know the importance of keeping those who so bravely served employed, particularly amidst a global pandemic.

I hope you will take into consideration the value the USPS holds for many of our country, and vote in favor of the next relief bill that reaches your desk.

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