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Dear Mr. Chopra:

Re: CUPW- Canada Post Negotiations

I am writing to you on behalf of the Alberta Federation of Labour to encourage you to stay at the bargaining table and to negotiate a fair and equitable collective agreement with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

It is our understanding that Canada Post presented its first global offer on June 25, 2016, just one week prior to the corporation and union obtaining the right to strike and lock-out.

We are asking you to give the collective bargaining process a chance to work, and to reassess your opposition to pay equity for Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers, and your resistance to new services, such as postal banking, which would help the corporation increase revenues.

The union is eager to remain at the bargaining table, so there's no reason for a costly and inconvenient disruption of service to Canadians.

As you know, the government is on record as supporting gender equality and is currently conducting a review of Canada Post that is exploring ways for our public post office to make money and carry out its responsibility to deliver mail.

The Canada Post review is a key initiative of the new federal government, which was elected less than a year ago with a mandate to protect, reform and even expand postal services in Canada. A long and acrimonious lockout will distract from this important review.

As the head of our public post office, we urge you to do your utmost to co-operate with the government on the above matters. We also urge you to forgo a lock-out and start negotiating with CUPW on these and other key issues.

Sincerely,



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