



Friday, November 2, 2018

Honourable Justin Trudeau  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**RE: BARGAINING A FAIR DEAL FOR POSTAL WORKERS**

On Monday, October 22 at 12:01 a.m. the Canadian Union of Postal Workers started rotating strikes for the Urban Operations and Rural and Suburban Mail Carrier Units. One of the cities they began their strikes was right here in Edmonton. The Alberta Federation of Labour was proud to walk the line in solidarity with these workers in their fight for what is right – health and safety, gender equality, and good full-time jobs.

Postal workers are dedicated to providing services to the people of this country. They do not take strike action lightly; the fact that these workers are currently engaged in rotating strikes shows that they've been backed into a corner by Canada Post, who seems unwilling to address the major issues raised by their unionized workers.

Since October 22, postal workers in every major Alberta city have participated in the rotating strikes with strong showings of local support. The days are quickly passing, the strike activity is escalating, and yet still Canada Post seems unwilling to move on any of the outstanding major issues.

I am writing today in solidarity with these workers, to urge you to do what is right for postal workers and for our public postal system. Bargain a fair deal that these workers deserve, so that this job action can come to an end, and our postal system returns to running at full capacity heading in to the busy holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil McGowan". The signature is written over a horizontal line that extends across the page.

Gil McGowan  
President  
Alberta Federation of Labour



Cc: Jessica L. McDonald, Chair of the Board of Directors and Interim CEO of Canada Post  
Cc: Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement  
Cc: Rob Nicholson, Conservative Critic for Public Services and Procurement  
Cc: Daniel Blaikie, NDP Critic for Public Services and Procurement  
Cc: Niki Ashton, NDP Critic for Jobs, Employment and Workforce Development  
Cc: Karine Trudel, NDP Critic for Labour  
Cc: Tracey Ramsey, NDP Deputy Critic for Labour  
Cc: All Alberta MPS