

Friends and fellow workers,

Many of you will remember our fight during the Harper years in defense of our door-to-door mail delivery. Through massive public support for the Save Canada Post campaign, Oshawa was able to secure its existing services while protecting good union jobs in our community. Now our family, friends, and neighbours at Canada Post need our help again.

Last Tuesday, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) issued a 72-hour strike notice to their employer Canada Post after over 10 months of attempted negotiations. Included in their demands were some of the following key highlights:

Wage Increases Above the Rate of Inflation Job Security Better Health and Safety Justice for Rural Carriers

These issues are simple questions of basic equality. Currently rural mail carriers are treated like second class workers, and are regularly forced to work unpaid hours simply because their rural routes cover larger geographical areas. We believe that this is fundamentally unjust, and are absolutely disgusted by the refusal of Canada Post to provide these workers with the fairness and equality they deserve. The union representing these postal workers has announced rolling strikes across the country, and our alliance of community and labour organizations stand in full support of this job action.

In fact, we are willing to escalate their job action in ways that they legally can't by targeting the Durham East Delivery Depot at 301 Riston Rd. N for regular disruption through broad community mobilization. As community members we're sure that all of you can picture your postal worker's face as you read this. You might even know their name and look forward to seeing them every week. They bring you your packages, deliver your medication, and are a critical part of your daily lives that are often taken for granted. We will not allow their rights to be trampled on by the greed of their employer. As such, we have a message for Canada Post management: You're on notice.