

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
House of Commons
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Dear Prime Minister:

I write on behalf of the New Brunswick Federation of Labour to encourage you to take urgent action to avert an unnecessary lock-out and service disruption at Canada Post this summer.

It is clear to everyone who has been following negotiations at Canada Post that this is a crisis that simply DOES NOT have to happen. Instead, if services at Canada Post are disrupted this summer, it will be because the corporation's senior managers have deliberately engineered a situation that will force Canada Post employees onto picket lines against their will.

As you have observed yourself, the previous federal Conservative government took a destructive approach to labour relations at our postal service. Unfortunately, these tactics towards labour seem to be continuing, despite voters' rejection of this toxic approach.

From our perspective, it simply doesn't make sense that a healthy, profitable corporation would be rushing to lock out its workers when those workers are willing to continue bargaining. We can only conclude this means those bargaining on behalf of the corporation are determined to lock workers out rather than bargain in good faith.

It is our belief that the root of the problem is the Conservative-appointed President and CEO of Canada Post, Deepak Chopra -- who seems to be very deliberately engineering conflict and manufacturing crisis.

That is why I am writing to you today: I urge you to oust Deepak Chopra from his position as President and CEO of Canada Post.

Chopra's actions over the past few months demonstrate that he has learned nothing from the recent election -- an election in which Canadians voted overwhelming for parties that promised to preserve, protect and even expand Canada's postal services. Unfortunately, Chopra is still running Canada Post as if the Conservatives who appointed him are still in power. As long as Chopra remains in charge, conflict will trump consensus and conservative ideology will take priority over what's best for Canada Post and the millions of Canadian who rely upon it.

Yours truly,



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