

July 5, 2016

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister  
House of Commons  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

I write to you on behalf of more than 100,000 workers represented by the Manitoba Federation of Labour to ask you to take urgent action to avoid a service disruption at Canada Post.

A lockout at Canada Post is completely avoidable. Last week, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers were denied a request by Canada Post management to extend the "cooling off" period, allowing for negotiations to continue without disruption.

It has become clear that Canada Post's Conservative-appointed President and CEO, Deepak Chopra, is interested in little more than unnecessary conflict. The lockout notice is merely the latest example.

It is my view that with Mr. Chopra's continued involvement, that conflict will remain, and put Canada Post's ongoing interests at risk. And the millions of Canadians who count on Canada Post services will pay the price.

That is why I'm writing you today to encourage you to replace Mr. Chopra as President and CEO. I commend you for sending a letter to Mr. Chopra suggesting he step down and I urge you to now take the next step.

Mr. Chopra has not made any efforts to be constructive, particularly on some key issues that you committed to acting on in last year's election, specifically: pay equity, protection of our postal services and affirmative action for minorities. Instead, Mr. Chopra is pressing for two-tier wages and pensions that will further marginalize women, new Canadians, and aboriginal people working at Canada Post.

Replacing Mr. Chopra will send a strong signal that Canada Post and your government are committed to ending a highly toxic labour relations environment and kick-start constructive negotiations.

Please take action now to avoid a lockout at Canada Post. Please fire Deepak Chopra.

Sincerely,



Kevin Rebeck  
President

cc: Hon. Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement  
Glenn Bennett, President, CUPW Winnipeg Local

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