



# IATSE LOCAL 891

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists, and Allied Crafts of the United States, its Territories and Canada, British Columbia and the Yukon

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister  
Langevin Block  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I am writing on behalf of the over 6,000 members of IATSE Local 891 with regard to the possible lock-out and service disruption at Canada Post.

Our union fully supports the struggle of the postal workers for pay equity for rural employees and equal pension rights for new employees. Canada Post's proposals would entrench unfair wages for rural employees (mostly women) and undermine decent pensions for future generations. There is no logic to a stable and profitable corporation locking out its workforce when that workforce wants to continue bargaining.

Canada Post CEO Deepak Chopra's actions have indicated that he has little interest in working with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to reach a resolution.

Our Local has worked closely with the CUPW to mitigate any negative impact that a lockout would have on BC's booming film and television industry. We have found the CUPW to be cooperative and supportive of our concerns.

The Liberal Party was elected by the majority of Canadians on a mandate which included the protection and improvement of workers' rights and the rights of Canadian women. Mr. Chopra has taken nothing from that majority voice. He has continued to act in a manner that is anti-worker, and arguably, anti-feminist, as he refuses to yield on equal pay for the (70% female) rural delivery workforce.

The situation at Canada Post has reached a critical level. Given your party's progressive position on labour relations and Mr. Chopra's intractable stance during this negotiation process, I urge you to remove Deepak Chopra from his position as President and CEO of Canada Post and conclude these negotiations in a fair and equitable manner.

Sincerely

Mitch Davies  
President  
IATSE Local 891