

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

I am writing to you on behalf of 150,000 college and university students represented by the British Columbia Federation of Students. Our membership spans from Terrace to Castlegar, Victoria to Prince George, though the Greater Vancouver Area and the Okanagan valley. Students are concerned about developments at Canada Post, and I urge you to take immediate action to prevent the lockout of postal workers.

Students in British Columbia are opposed to Canada Post's bargaining position and the company's approach to interactions with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. A strong Canadian economy is meaningless unless it includes benefits for the people that do the work.

As shown time and again by our support for labour organisations, students believe workers have a right to a stable and secure pension plan. A two-tiered system of pensions and wages would affect students as new hires and young workers. Furthermore, it is disgraceful to see the level of pay disparity between rural workers, a force dominated by women, and urban letter carriers, a unit with a male majority. Job security, pensions, and equal work for equal pay are rights all workers should have in this country.

Canada Post has only made one offer at the negotiation table and postal workers have been without a contract for months. I urge you to intervene and allow for CUPW to have a fair negotiation and fair deal.

Sincerely,



Simka Marshall  
Chairperson

CC: Hon. Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Official Opposition  
Hon. Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the NDP  
Mike Palecek, National President, CUPW  
Tim Armstrong, National Director, CUPW  
Irene Lanzinger, President, BC Federation of Labour