



200 - 5118 Joyce Street  
Vancouver, BC  
V5R 4H1  
t 604.430.1421  
e bcfed@bcfed.ca  
bcfed.ca

July 5, 2016

Via: Registered Mail, Email and Fax

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**Re: Potential postal service disruptions due to mismanagement by Canada Post CEO  
Deepak Chopra**

I am writing to you on behalf of the BC Federation of Labour (BCFED) and its 500,000 members across the province of British Columbia to urge you to take action with respect to the impending lockout of workers at Canada Post.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) asked Canada Post to extend the cooling off period in their collective agreement to avoid the termination of their contract on July 2, 2016. The union stated, "We are asking management to give us a chance, to give the public review a chance, to keep sitting down with us at the bargaining table, and give the workers a chance to get a fair deal."

The BCFED would like to commend your efforts on creating a task force to begin the review of Canada Post's mandate. I would like to encourage you to avoid the impending lockout at Canada Post, and to let the review come back with its findings.

I also urge you to remove Canada Post CEO Deepak Chopra from his position at the helm of this crown corporation. Chopra's recent actions have indicated that he has no intent on resolving matters with the union. By issuing lockout notice to the workers in the Urban Operations and Rural and Suburban Mail Carrier bargaining units effective 00:01 am on Friday, July 8, 2016, Chopra has shown that he does not have any trouble disrupting mail service to Canadians who need it and rely on it most.

The situation at Canada Post has come to a critical point, and it is clear that Deepak Chopra does not have the desire to negotiate a fair contract and avoid disruption of postal services. I urge you to step in and negotiate fairly with these workers before Friday to ensure that they have a fair contract to work under and that Canadians who live in rural communities do not have their postal services interrupted. As Prime Minister, you have the authority to ensure that this situation does not end badly, and I urge you to exercise that authority by removing Deepak Chopra as CEO of Canada Post, and finish negotiations to avoid a lockout of postal workers and disruption of mail service.

Sincerely,

Irene Lanzinger  
President

Cc: Mike Palecek, National President, CUPW  
Tim Armstrong, National Director, Pacific Region, CUPW  
Hon. Judy Foote, Minister of Public Service and Procurement  
Hon. Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Official Opposition  
Hon. Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the NDP  
BC Federation of Labour Executive Officers and Council