



October 24, 2018

Via email

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough
Minister of Public Services and Procurement
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Qualtrough,

Re: Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers

I write today on behalf of the Public Service Alliance of Canada BC Region and our 18,000 members in British Columbia.

As you know, members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers have been taking rotating strike action across the country since Monday, October 22. After almost a year of negotiations, Canada Post has refused to address major issues at the bargaining table – health and safety, gender equality and preserving full-time, middle class jobs – and instead has pushed CUPW into a strike.

I call upon you to use your authority as Minister of Public Services and Procurement to direct Canada Post to negotiate in good faith with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and to deliver a negotiated settlement that addresses the union's concerns around health and safety, precarious work, and gender equality.

In a 2015 open letter to Canada's public servants, your government wrote of respect for public service workers, of the value of a strong public service, and of the important role unions play in middle class prosperity.

Now is the time to show Canadians that you meant those things.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamey Mills', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Jamey Mills
Regional Executive Vice President
Public Service Alliance of Canada, BC Region

CC: Mike Palacek, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers
Tim Armstrong, National Director, CUPW Pacific Region