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In order to achieve these demands, we call on the leaders of the four postal unions—APWU, NALC, the Mail Handlers and the Rural Carriers—to mobilize the membership to fight and win! Postal workers need to link up with the broader labor movement and struggles such as BLM, to fight together at mass rallies and protests, to be organized with appropriate measures taken due to COVID-19.

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Help us fight for real change!

Do you agree with these demands? The present crisis of the Postal Service is part of the general instability that we see all around us. In fact, postal workers in other countries are facing similar attacks. This is part and parcel of the decline of capitalism. We are union members who support the International Marxist Tendency (IMT) and we believe a better society—socialism and workers' democracy—is possible.

We need our union leaders to change their policies in order for us to win our struggle. We know that only a workers' government with socialist policies will bring about a world with jobs for all with union wages and benefits, universal health care and education, and quality, affordable housing.

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