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Our union represents 200,000 of the 630,000 postal workers of the United States.

We have deep concerns regarding the lack of a national plan in the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine and the detrimental impact on postal workers and postal customers.

Postal Workers, along with so many other dedicated essential workers, have been on the frontlines during this tragic pandemic, courageously carrying out our mission of connecting the people of the country. Vast numbers have been sickened and quarantined, many more exposed and we have tragically suffered over 150 deaths.

We look forward to a safe, effective and quickly delivered vaccine.

Taking into account the essential work of postal workers and interaction with the public, the CDC recommended that postal workers be considered in the "1-B" status of the rollout of the vaccine.

Yet numerous states have not followed this recommendation and have chosen to place postal workers further down in the order of those with early access to the vaccine.

We are optimistic that your new administration will work to bring order to the COVID chaos including bringing a national plan to the vaccine roll-out. We strongly urge that as part of this plan the CDC recommendations in relation to postal workers is consistently and fully implemented throughout the country. The well-being of postal workers and postal customers depend on it.

We thank you in advance for the urgent attention to this matter and if there is any way the APWU can assist in this effort, please do not hesitate to contact me at (336) 210-2229 or at mdimondstein@apwu.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Dimondstein', is written over a white background.

Mark Dimondstein
President