



GETTING TRUMPED



The White House Task Force Report on the Postal Service has finally been released, and just in time for the Holidays. The official title of this beauty is **United States Postal Service: A Sustainable Path Forward**, but for who! It will come as no surprise to anyone who is the least bit focused, that this document proposes one attack after another on the Mail Handlers Union and all of the other hard working men and women that make up the United States Postal Service. As described by our National Office,

“The Task Force’s recommendations include the following:

- Redefining and reducing the Postal Service’s Universal Service Obligation
- Reducing the number and density of Post Offices
- Reducing delivery frequencies
- Reducing door to door delivery
- Lowering Service Standards
- Raising rates for major e-commerce mailers
- Increasing subcontracting of mail processing operations
- Eliminating collective bargaining over the wages of postal employees
- Reducing the wages of postal employees
- Reducing pension or workers compensation benefits of postal employees.”

This is real and the alarm is sounding Brothers and Sisters. Perhaps it was naïve of us to believe that an oppor-

tunity existed for this report to provide a truly “sustainable path forward” for those who actually move the mail. Our hope that those at the top would consider the impact on good jobs for good people, in the end, appears to be really nothing more than fantasy. The opportunities described within the report too often go to the privateers out there looking to get a cut of the most lucrative segments of the Service we provide. Is the battle over? I say, hell no! But there is sure a lot of work in front of us. We have often described the importance of the political landscape when it comes to protecting the members of this great Union and this frontal attack on all of us is a perfect example. This, by no means, is a done deal, but it will take our full and collective political might to defeat the insidious proposals the White House has proffered. We will all have to hold accountable those who, pre-midterm election, promised to protect us against the exact BS contained in the report. The question we must ask is where do these “leaders” stand now? It would appear to some that we now have more friends on Capitol Hill than we did on November 5th, but we cannot afford to assume. The time will come when our collective voices must rise in unison to turn back those who wish to dismantle the Postal Service and in doing so, destroy us along with it.

In Solidarity,
John Gibson

Steward's Training

The Local added and trained new Union Stewards to facilities in each of the three districts under its jurisdiction. There is no more important job in the Local that protecting the rights we have earned over decades of struggle. We thank you for taking on the challenge and responsibility for defending the collective bargaining agreement!

Pictured left to right: Steve Nocella, Aaron Miller, Danielle Hess, Jessica Dobbins, Francisco Rivera, Sharon McKnight, John Gibson, Daison Long, Luis Anaya, Nick Campellone (trainer)



Happy Holidays
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