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TO: MVS Directors
National Business Agents

SUBJECT: Continuing Problems with New Cargo Trucks

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Motor Vehicle Division is continuing to receive reports from the field of problems with the new (7) seven and (11) eleven ton Freightliner and International cargo trucks.

We are requesting that you respond to this correspondence, as soon possible with any information including pictures, (if allowed) so that we can have specifics to address these issues with the Postal Service.

According to information received from the Postal Service 1,816 cargo vans have already been deployed, 326 cargo vans waiting to be deployed and 40 cargo vans waiting to be assembled.

Of the cargo van problems that have been reported so far, the Internationals have approximately 30% of the problems and 10% of the problems have been with Freightliners.

Some of the problems are as follows:

- Failure to start in cold weather (loses air pressure)
- Rails and bumpers damaged while docking
- Door hinges are coming apart
- Cargo boxes leaks
- Bent H brackets
- Cracked frame

We request that you fill out the enclosed survey and return it to APWU headquarters as soon as possible.

In solidarity,

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