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## Contract Negotiations Hotline Opened Call 866-412-8061 for Updates

The current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the American Postal Workers Union and the United States Postal Service expires at midnight September 20, 2018.

The union entered the final 10-day stretch of intense negotiations – including days of round-the-clock bargaining – on Sept. 10. National President Dimondstein will provide regular updates starting Sept. 14.

Call 866-412-8061 to get the latest news and updates as we continue *Fighting Today for a Better Tomorrow*!



## Seventh and Final COLA under the 2015 National Agreement

In accordance with the 2015-2018 APWU/USPS Collective Bargaining Agreement (union contract), career employees represented by the APWU received a 31 cent per hour cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), effective September 1, 2018. It will appear in paychecks dated September 21, 2018 (Pay Period 19-2018), and will total \$645.00 per year.

The COLAs are in addition to general wage increases. This is the seventh and final cost-of-living adjustment under the 2015-2018 contract. The COLAs received during the 2015-2018 CBA total \$1,789 per year.

Postal Support Employees (PSEs) do not receive cost-of-living increases, but had five general wage increases under the 2015-2018 contract. PSEs received a pay increase of 21 cents on May 26, 2018.



Updated pay scales are available on *apwu.org*. Scan the QR code to view.

## White House Postal Task Force Report Delayed

The postal task force created by President Trump's April 12 Executive Order was due to release its report by August 10, 2018. Various news outlets now state the report will be held back until after the mid-term elections.

"This is not surprising news," said President Mark Dimondstein. "We fully expect the recommendations of the task force to undermine the public Postal Service, universal service to the people and the union rights of postal workers. Since the postal service and postal workers are both popular and trusted, it is no surprise that the privatizers do not want their rotten proposals to affect the outcome of the midterm elections."

## National Day of Action on October 8 The U.S. Mail: Not for Sale!!



Privatizers – those who want to sell the public Postal Service to private corporations – are hard at work. Together we can stop them in their tracks.

Get ready to hit the streets with our sister postal unions, family, friends, and community allies to Save Our Service.

Rallies will take place at many Congressional offices throughout the country. Check with your local and state leaders for more details and for the exact time and location in your area.

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