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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Chicago Local 0001:

It is with great pride that I write on behalf of the APWU National Union to extend a warm message of solidarity and congratulations to you as you celebrate the 119th anniversary of your charter as a local union.

Since your founding, you have given a voice to postal workers organizing for better pay, working conditions, and safety, played a role in shaping our democracy, and fought to protect and improve postal services for your community and nationwide.

As a local, you have been at the forefront of our fights against postal privatization, from holding demonstrations outside Sears Roebuck's headquarters in the 1980s, to enthusiastically leading our Stop Staples demonstration during the 2015 Biennial Convention, and showing the whole country that Chicagoland says, "the U.S. Mail is not for sale."

Despite global pandemics and natural disasters, you are an integral part of our nation's fabric, weaving together communities and neighbors, from coast to coast and beyond, by keeping our mail moving. Your years of service to postal workers and the labor movement at large are a testament to your dedication to improving the lives of all working people.

United in a struggle for justice, you have demonstrated the power workers have when we come together, no matter the color of our skin or what we believe in. Together, we are building a world where every worker can count on safety in the workplace, good-paying jobs, and a dignified retirement.

Congratulations once again, Chicago Local 0001. Your union power shines into the future and serves as an inspiration to all.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Smith".

Jonathan Smith
President