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Dear Governor Cuomo:

Our union represents 200,000 of the 630,000 postal workers of the United States. I write to you with deep concerns about reported changes to the COVID-19 vaccine rollout and timetable in your state in relation to postal workers.

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.

It has come to our attention that your state has apparently chosen to place postal workers further down in the order of those with early access to the vaccine.

We urge you to work to ensure that the vaccine be made available to postal workers at the earliest possible time. The well-being of postal workers and postal customers depend on it.

Thanking you in advance for 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 (202) 842-4250 or at mdimondstein@apwu.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Dimondstein'.

Mark Dimondstein
President