

Wear Union Gear Every Thursday!

As our fight for a good contract forges ahead, let's show management our strength by wearing APWU gear every Thursday. Whether it's with a T-shirt, button or armband, wear your solidarity on your sleeve!

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We're Fighting for Economic Justice

The APWU and USPS entered mediation on June 9, in an effort to reach agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement. Although progress had been made on non-economic issues, negotiations ended May 27, after management insisted on severe cuts in pay and benefits.

The Postal Service's economic proposals include:

- Eliminate cost-of-living adjustments as we know them;
- Increase employees' costs for healthcare coverage;
- Create a new lower pay scale for future career employees and reduce benefits;
- Increase the percentage of non-career employees,
- Weaken protection against layoffs.

Across the country, young workers are being consigned to second- and third-class jobs. The Postal Service's contract proposals would perpetuate the downward spiral, with cuts in wages and benefits for future career employees, including today's PSEs.

And under management's proposals, career workers would lose cost-of-living raises and be forced to worry about layoffs, plant-closings and higher healthcare costs.

Our contract proposals include fair and reasonable wage increases, limits on subcontracting, more career jobs, improvements for PSEs, limits on excessing, and better service for our customers. The APWU's contract battle is a fight for the entire country. That's what a union is all about!

