

# FRONT LINE WORKERS DESERVE OUR APPRECIATION

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Life as we know it has been changed forever. No one could have foreseen that the COVID-19 was going to impact lives to the magnitude that it has. Social distancing, state shut downs, and the requirement to wear masks when in public. No matter what your opinion has been during this pandemic, adjustments had to be made. Unfortunately, many have lost their lives during this time, but thankfully others have recovered. Again, we are adjusting to the so-called new normal.

It is important that, during these times, we take the time to appreciate one another. It doesn't matter what differences may exist; we have to learn to value human life. Family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and complete strangers are having an impact on our daily existence. We look at one another differently and hopefully we realize the importance of one another. Again, our lives have changed in a mind-blowing way. Consistency has been defined in numerous ways: going to work, going home, staying inside, voluntary or not, seems to be the routine of the day. This can become boring and taxing on our minds and bodies, but guess what, we are still here. We are sending our heartfelt sympathies and love to those who have passed. We reach out in support of their loved ones and try to remain steady, but sometimes we have to take a seat and re-evaluate what we are going to do next.

Some of us have learned how valuable our educators are across the nation. Home schooling is not a joke. Seriously! I see that teachers need hazard pay. Our beloved children can take you to another level when trying to get them to complete their classwork. They are so tech savvy that they leave us in the dust. We are still trying to catch up with the "new" stuff. Some of us have not done math in over 30 years. Have you been the victim of the "look"? You are trying to help your child with their work and you give the wrong answer. You know you are in real trouble when they say, "I can't wait for school to start back." You want to say, "Me too smarty pants." Our patience is tested when they request their snack and lunch

breaks just as if they are in school. Remember, they want a different menu daily and still complain like you are the school cafeteria worker. Oh, how I appreciate the teachers, cleaning crew, chefs, and auxiliary staff of our school system that are molding the leaders of our fasting approaching tomorrow. Thank You!!

Kudos to the front-line workers. Healthcare professionals, First Responders, Store Clerks, Delivery Folks, Repair Technicians, Child Care Workers, Restaurant Workers and all others who are helping to keep us going. I must send a special "You Are Awesome" to my Brothers and Sisters in the United States Postal Service. You have annihilated the mantle of serving our customers in any and all conditions. Mother Nature or not. You have continued to step up, even while putting yourself in harm's way. Extraordinary You Are!! You have gone above and beyond and you too deserve to be applauded. Keeping people across our nation and world in touch with each other is fantastic. "WE GOT YOU" is our banner to the nation. We are the wind that helps the USPS eagle to soar and continually accomplish flight after flight.



Thank God for our strong Union leaders!! On every level, nationally and locally, you are getting it done. In the midst of all that is happening, you are still fighting on behalf of our members and customers. Much of what you do is hidden in the shadows, but know that your work is invaluable and necessary for our survival. The immeasurable phone calls and telecoms. Discussions regarding changes that will impact the employees that you represent. Dedication and commitment that is secondary to none. You hear the complaints, but now is the time for accolades. Your work is seen and acknowledged. Continue to be strengthened and stay safe Warriors!

Finally, Happy Mother's Day to my Sisters. Happy Father's Day to my Brothers. I hope you had a day that was filled with love, family, friends, and great food. I hope you could relax and enjoy! You deserve it!! See you soon, in person or on our computer screens.