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Teamsters Local 804 is headquartered in Long Island City and represents over 7,300 hard working men and women across Long Island, New York City, and into Westchester county. This global health crisis has presented many unprecedented challenges to a membership that has stood undaunted against the fury of super storm Sandy, the economic collapse of 2008, the horrors of 9/11, countless blizzards, and more political and social upheaval than we can recount. Local 804 members were not only on the front lines for these trials, but many of them were among the first to join in emergency responses for the TWA flight 800 crash, The Sunrise Fire, the Avianca flight 52 crash, and more. Employees of United Parcel Service (UPS) make up 99% of Local 804's membership and that group has reliably delivered decades of holiday joy even as volume has spiked with the advent of online shopping.

The size and scope of this latest challenge will not break these men and women, but this time they will need some help. In order to keep them and their families safe and healthy, we urge every New Yorker to contact state and local officials to demand that they allocate necessary resources to the UPS facilities. There is just no way our current staffing can accommodate the urgent need for increased cleaning and sanitizing of the facilities and the trucks that deliver so much of what New Yorkers need to their homes, particularly while they shelter in place. Warehouse workers and drivers are taking every precaution possible, but without additional resources to sanitize equipment there is little chance the virus can be contained. As more Teamsters become infected and are unable to work, less and less freight will be able to be delivered.

We are asking that the public contact their elected officials immediately and urge them to assist in every way possible so that we can all get through this crisis together.