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*Via Facsimile and Email*

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 1475  
Richmond, VA 23218

Re: Supplies Needed to Protect UPS Front Line Workers

Dear Governor Northam:

My name is Brian Peyton. I am the President and Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 322 and the Political Coordinator for Joint Council 83. The COVID -19 Health Crisis has made it difficult to purchase antibacterial supplies. As you know, UPS employees were designated essential services workers. As a matter of fact, President Donald J. Trump tweeted the following message on March 22, 2020, "The hard working men and women of @UPS are working overtime to maintain our supply chain and deliver medical supplies to those in need. Your work is critical to the health of our nation, keep it up!" Governor Northam, the President's tweet speaks volumes to fortitude of UPS employees. Many of them are proudly changing their social media profile pictures to display "**ESSENTIAL SERVICES WORKERS**" For them, it is proud distinction earned during a time when the state, country, and world is counting on them to endure and persevere.

Local 322 has implemented policies designed to help promote health and safety as this sinister virus threatens our way of life. Unfortunately, we are encountering several obstacles as we attempt to acquire and distribute the following supplies: hand gloves, sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and Lysol. Any assistance your administration can provide to slash red tape and help "**ESSENTIAL SERVICES WORKERS**" in our extraordinary state would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Brian Peyton  
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