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THANK YOU PHILADELPHIA PA AREA LOCAL MEMBERS

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, one of the greatest strengths of any Labor organization, a democratic election process, occurred at the Philadelphia PA Area Local's Union Hall. On this date, the Local Election Committee, comprised of members of the Philadelphia PA Area Local counted the ballots for the re-run election for the elected position of President. I was fortunate to receive the highest number of votes and now I stand before you, humble and proud, as your President. I could not have achieved this victory without the help of the Members, my many good friends and supporters and I want to thank each of you for your efforts and support.

Before I go further, let me state, that my first priority will be to work with the Local Executive Board and the membership to combat the reckless assault on our jobs by the Congress of the United States. Now more than ever we must **ALL** come together **IN UNITY** to lobby our Congressmen and Congresswomen to save the Postal Service and our jobs.

As your President, I am fully aware of the internal problems that have besieged the Local over the past several months. I want to assure you, that while I do not condone this negativity, I am going to move this Local forward in a positive fashion. The Philadelphia PA Area Local is the "flagship" of the Eastern Region and well respected by Locals across our great Country. I will continue my open door policy, this policy I believe is vital to success of the Philadelphia PA Area Local; it strengthens communications and awareness among the members. As postal workers we share many common goals and coming together as one united force ensures our goals will be accomplished as well as continuing to protect and enforce our contractual rights.

In this regards I ask for your assistance so we can walk as one united force and proudly proclaim that we are the "Philadelphia PA Area Local". If you have any questions or concerns please contact me immediately at (610) 522-4520. **I am here to serve you.** Again, I thank each and every one of you for your support.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gwen Ivey", is written in black ink. The signature is fluid and personal, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Gwen Ivey
President
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