



## CREW AND MEDICAL TRANSPONDERS UNITED

### USW Crew/Medical Drivers Project

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### **If We Don't Have a Seat at the Table -- We Are on the Menu!**

The key job of any union is to bring together and amplify workers' voices to make change, and we know we can do that best when we communicate one on one. The United Steelworkers has developed a highly regarded worker voice program called [Rapid Response](#). This program is non-partisan, grassroots, and education driven. It provides our members with education on issues that affect us in our workplaces, our ability to bargain fair contracts, and our health and safety at work and in our communities. (You will find our most recent InfoAlert attached to this email). After we educate, we provide a way to engage by sending out an ActionCall, and then later a Feedback Report so you know how your Action had impact. This information is sent out to those who have signed up for the USW Rapid Response Program along with a network of Rapid Response Coordinators in Districts and workplaces across the nation.

#### **Here's what we're up to right now:**

- **Demanding COVID-19 Safety in Your Workplace:** The [COVID-19 Every Worker Protection Act of 2020 \(H.R. 6559\)](#), a bill recently introduced in the House of Representatives, has direct impacts on drivers just like you. It calls for the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) to set a specific safety standard, not just a guideline, to protect workers threatened by the COVID-19 virus. Every driver knows why this is necessary. You are required to work, but protection is hard to come by, and we need measures in place to hold companies accountable.
- **Protecting Your Health Care:** Currently a company has to offer insurance coverage, called COBRA, if you lose your active healthcare at work. This allows you to continue your company-sponsored health care plan, but it can be financially devastating for a family already facing hardship because of job loss. The [Worker Health Coverage Protection Act \(H.R. 6514\)](#) would provide 100% federal financing to cover the full cost of COBRA premiums owed by workers who have lost their jobs, who are furloughed, or who have

had their hours reduced as a result of the coronavirus crisis. We are asking our representatives to support this critical bill.

## **Join Thousands of Steelworkers!**

You will be receiving an Action Call tomorrow which will provide information on the issues above and a way to contact your representatives in Washington, D.C. It's easy to do, and we need your help. When Rapid Response engages, our elected officials get thousands of contacts from workers just like you and they know we mean business!

- To learn more about the USW Rapid Response Program go to: <http://usw.to/RapidResponse>.
- To sign up for emails, please send us an email at [uswrr@usw.org](mailto:uswrr@usw.org).
- To sign up for texting, text **uswrapid to the number 69866**. You can opt out at any time. Standard data and message rates may apply. For full terms and conditions: <http://usw.to/2c>. Reply HELP for help. Reply STOP to end.

We don't text often - only when it really counts!