



Inter-Office Correspondence

May 6, 2021

TO: All Local Unions

FROM: Rory L. Gamble

SUBJECT: **Reuther 50th Anniversary Commemorative Postage Stamp**

Sisters and Brothers,

Last year, May 9, 2020, marked the 50th anniversary of Walter P. Reuther's untimely death. We are urging the stamp development committee and Postmaster General to produce a postage stamp in honor of Reuther.

As you may know, Reuther was our union's longest-serving president. He became one of the most important trade union leaders in the country, raising the standard of living for millions of workers and putting the clout of the movement behind numerous social causes for the benefit of all. The landmark gains the UAW bargained for under his leadership produced a robust middle class, all while the UAW supported the work of social justice visionaries like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez.

Reuther is quoted as saying, "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow man. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well." These words personify the extraordinary life and work of Walter Reuther, and his legacy lives on in the lives of all Americans who benefit from his contributions to society.

We are asking that you assist us by adding your name to the Reuther stamp petition by **July 31, 2021**, at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K5RD977>

Thank you for joining us in this effort!

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