

Ernesto Butcher sent this email to Para President Dave Gallagher after having read the article in the NY Post which came out on Friday.

From: Ernesto Butcher
To: Para President
Sent: 1/10/2014 5:37:19 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Finally! - - a must read

Well done, well said NY Post. How strange that such sentiments should come from such a source.

I do, however feel deeply saddened for the thousands of employees at the Port Authority, who day in and day out, perform the difficult and necessary functions that keep all of our facilities up and running with increasingly fewer resources and authority, in a seemingly unrewarding, but extremely essential effort to keep the region moving. Who speaks for them?

I feel deeply saddened for all those employees who are reduced to working for the paycheck, or the pension, but not for the joy so many of us enjoyed as we struggled mightily to achieve the vision that had been laid earlier by the geniuses who came before us. Who speaks for them?

I feel deeply saddened that many of the future “best and brightest” will avoid being part of what is now considered in many circles a “dysfunctional” agency, adding further to its demise. Who speaks to that loss?

I am further saddened that the many accomplishments of this agency, brought about by committed staff and that have been the barometer for the establishment and management of similar authorities around the world, have been lost in the muck of gutter politics. Who speaks to that loss?

I cringe at the notion that the collective backs and spirits of the current staff have been so badly broken over the past decade and a half, that nary a soul had the solitary courage to stand up and declare, No this infamy will not stand! Who will speak for them?

I am deeply saddened that this family of mine has been uprooted, diminished and scandalized publicly for no sin greater than an eagerness to serve, but saddled with incompetence so unspeakable as to be certainly criminal. Who will speak for us?

Who will speak for them? Who will recall their valor in the darkest hours of this nation? Who will recall the dogged determination and zest for excellence?

I am truly saddened for them and for all of us.

May we regain a voice.

.....from the NY Post. An opinion right on the money

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