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Office of the General Chairman  
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To: All Amtrak Committees

From:

Jed Dodd  
General Chairman

Re: Amtrak Bargaining and Membership Survey

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

After extensive discussion in the membership regarding the direction we should take to a new collective bargaining agreement there is substantial agreement that we should vigorously pursue a new agreement and use the National Freight Agreement as the pattern for that agreement. Almost every Local Lodge held a special meeting to discuss the matter and to fill out a survey on the direction we should take. These meetings were all well attended and the issues were thoroughly discussed.

In line with the consensus reached in the membership, attached is a letter dated March 29, 2005 from Division President Simpson to the National Mediation Board requesting that we be released from mediation and a copy of his letter dated March 30, 2005 that has been sent to each individual United States Senator and member of the House of Representatives asking for their help in this endeavor.

We would ask that each of you take some time and contact your local Congressman and Senator and ask that they give these requests serious consideration. Ask that they contact the National Mediation Board in our behalf so that we can be released from mediation and in order to settle our dispute.