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September 7, 2005

Mr. Jed Dodd  
General Chairman  
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division  
121 North Broad Street, Suite 503  
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Dear Mr. Dodd:

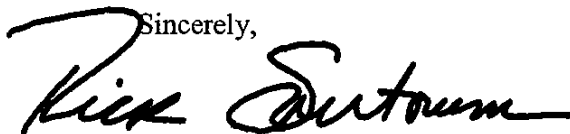
Thank you for contacting me regarding contract negotiations between Amtrak and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employee Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

I appreciate your request for my assistance in settling your labor dispute with Amtrak. It is unfortunate that this dispute has not yet been resolved. I believe my voting record shows consistent support for labor's right to collectively bargain. When labor and management work together, a beneficial and constructive relationship often results, which benefits Pennsylvania's workers and employers alike. However, it has been my long-standing policy to not involve myself in labor-management disputes. I do not believe that it is part of my role as a U.S. Senator to involve myself in the collective bargaining process, whether on behalf of labor or management.

Please know that I recognize the difficulty of this situation. I appreciate your efforts in continuing negotiations and I encourage both sides to continue on in the hard work of coming to an agreement. It is my sincere hope that this dispute is resolved as quickly as possible.

Thank you again for contacting me. If I can assist you with any other matter, please do not hesitate to call on me again.

Sincerely,



Rick Santorum  
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