

Sent: Wed, Oct 30, 2019 at 6:12 PM
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To All IBEW Railroad Local Unions in the United States:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

For some time now, many of the nation's freight railroads have been operating under a new business model known as "Precision Scheduled Railroading (PSR)." Unfortunately, this new operating model has resulted in many layoffs to IBEW members and employees of other crafts as our forces are being cut drastically in many locations. PSR has caused the railroads to operate fewer, but longer, trains with less motor power, thereby resulting in the mothballing of many locomotives, which has in turn led to the layoffs. The furloughs have resulted in many employees crossing crafts and working longer hours, including forced overtime, thereby increasing the risk of accidents and injuries.

As I announced at last week's IBEW Railroad Department Conference, we have been staying on top of this situation through cooperation with the Rail Labor Division of the AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Department. Last week President Stephenson sent a letter to Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao expressing the IBEW's concerns over PSR. A copy of President Stephenson's letter is attached. Please review and share with your membership.

We will continue to stay on top of this matter in an effort to have the railroads return back to their previous operating modes. Any questions or comments, please let me know.

Fraternally and in Solidarity,

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