



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS
AND AEROSPACE WORKERS
DISTRICT LODGE 19

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT DIRECTING GENERAL CHAIRMAN

January 18, 2024

Subj: Surface Transportation Board Correspondence

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I have been working with the Rail Division and all the Shop Craft Labor Unions to draft a letter to the Surface Transportation Board to inform them of the issues you are all facing working with rail Carriers. This letter is a detailed description of all the Carrier's shortcomings concerning safety and how you are treated. It has a very detailed five-point plan we recommend as rail labor. This letter can be seen, and read, on our webpage at www.districtlodge19.org & here at the STB website: stb.gov/wp-content/uploads/Binder1-1-2024.pdf. Please print, distribute, and email to our membership, so they are aware of our recommendation to the STB.

We are taking our fight to the Carriers, and we need you to stand with District Lodge 19 and all rail labor. Since the Carriers will not address our safety concerns, we will take this fight to Federal Regulators and to the streets, for public awareness. More information to follow.

Stand with us, to inform the public of the safety concerns we have about the cuts the Carriers have made to mechanical safety inspectors, and all other machinist positions. Stand with us, to inform the STB and FRA that they should act before another major rail tragedy happens in our backyards. Stand with us, to inform the Carriers, that we will not stand-by and let them continually disregard us and public safety.

This action will not be easy, and we ask you to follow the Federal Regulations - CFR 49, and Carrier policies and rules, as per your Carrier's instructions. If a Carrier asks you to do otherwise, please contact your Local Chairman and they will take the appropriate actions.

Thank you,


Andrew Sandberg