

IBT SUPPORT FOR RAIL CONFERENCE MEMBERS AT AMTRAK

WHEREAS, the future of Amtrak is uncertain and many within the federal government, Amtrak management, railroads, and private industry have initiated policies and practices which are detrimental to members of the Teamsters Rail Conference at Amtrak; and

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division (BMWED) and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Division (BLET) of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters are a substantial part of the Amtrak workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Teamsters' Rail Conference and the International Union have worked diligently to oppose any legislation or policies that adversely affect its Amtrak members; and

WHEREAS, the effects of drastic changes in the structure of the company, train routes, or congressional mandates pertaining to labor could further devastate Amtrak and its workers, adversely affect other Rail Conference members in the railroad industry, and jeopardize the stability of the railroad retirement system; and

WHEREAS, Rail Conference members of the BMWED and BLET, under procedures of the Railway Labor Act, have been working over six years at Amtrak without an updated collective bargaining agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 27th International Brotherhood of Teamsters Convention go on record in support of its Amtrak members in the Rail Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 27th International Brotherhood of Teamsters Convention support the continued commitment of the International Union to provide the Rail Conference with the resources and legislative support necessary to secure both adequate funding for Amtrak and a fair and just contract for Amtrak workers; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Union and the Rail Conference intensify efforts to secure a fair and just contract for its Amtrak members and defeat those who seek to destroy the quality of life and standard of living of the workers at Amtrak.