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TO ALL NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
ALL ASSISTANT NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
ALL LOCAL LODGE OFFICERS with MEMBERS COVERED
UNDER THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Please find attached the latest update on the questions and answers from the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) regarding the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) that was established under the CARES Act as well as information pertaining to the \$1,200 one-time economic relief payments.

Questions #18 was added:

18. Q. If I am not eligible for or have been denied unemployment benefits under the RUIA, am I eligible for PUA benefits?
- A. Possibly. The PUA program is administered by individual states, not the RRB. For eligibility information, and to find the application process in each state, visit the Unemployment Benefit Finder at <https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/UnemploymentBenefits/Find-unemployment-Benefits.aspx>

Also, the RRB advises in Question 19 that the \$1,200 stimulus payments are the responsibility of the U.S. Department of Treasury and further information about those payments can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>

As updates are received they will be distributed. Further information can be found on the www.rrb.gov website. Should you have any questions, please contact the TCU Social Services Department at 301-840-8746.

In Solidarity,

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Attachment

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