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<u>VIA EMAIL ONLY</u> General Chairpersons (Rail only) SMART-Transportation Division

Re: Update on National Rail Negotiations

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

This is to informally advise that after more than 2 years of bargaining, the Coordinated Bargaining Coalition (CBC) and the National Carriers' Conference Committee (NCCC) have reached an impasse in national rail contract negotiations.

Accordingly, the CBC unions will be filing for mediation early next week. Further details, including a joint press release from the CBC unions, will soon follow. In the meantime, please direct any inquiries regarding this matter to the SMART-TD President's office at President_TD@smart-union.org.

Fraternally yours,

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