

My Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to endorse Jeremy Ferguson for re-election as International President. Jeremy has proven himself to be an exemplary leader, dedicated to the advancement and protection of transit workers' rights and safety.

Under Jeremy's leadership, the Bus and Transit Assault Prevention and Safety (BTAPS) Committee was established. This vital committee has tirelessly lobbied at both the state and federal levels, advocating for legislation that promotes the best safety practices for transit workers and addresses the alarming rate of driver assaults. Jeremy's commitment to this cause has been unwavering, and his efforts have significantly contributed to the enhancement of safety measures within our industry.

During the challenging times of the pandemic, Jeremy demonstrated his compassion and concern for our members by holding back scheduled International Dues for member relief. This decision provided much-needed financial assistance to our members during a time of uncertainty and financial strain.

Furthermore, Jeremy's innovative vision has led to the creation of SMART University, the first of its kind in our union's history. This groundbreaking initiative has propelled our union into the 21st century, providing invaluable resources and educational opportunities for our members.

Jeremy's dedication to the education and empowerment of our workforce is further exemplified by the implementation of New Hire Kits. These kits have streamlined the process of educating new hires, providing them with essential information through informative trifold.

Additionally, Jeremy has been instrumental in collaborating with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on its new Directive aimed at reducing operator assaults in public transit systems. His proactive approach to working with regulatory agencies underscores his commitment to the safety and well-being of transit workers nationwide.

Moreover, Jeremy has organized multiple in-person regional training seminars across the country, making it easier for local members to attend and benefit from these valuable learning opportunities.

Finally, Jeremy has been a staunch advocate for two-person crew legislation, working closely with the Department of Transportation to push for policies that prioritize the safety and security of transit workers.

In conclusion, Jeremy Ferguson has consistently demonstrated strong leadership, innovation, and dedication to the betterment of transit workers' lives. I wholeheartedly endorse his re-election as International President and urge all members to support him in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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