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To: All Northeastern System Federation Amtrak Members

From: Dale E. Bogart Jr. – General Chairman

Brothers and Sisters,

On April 3, 2016, we BMWED lost two members from the Pennsylvania Federation in service for Amtrak when Amtrak Train 89 slammed into a backhoe working on the mainline in Chester, PA.

Brother Joe Carter, 61, the equipment operator and Brother Peter Adamovich, 59, the supervisor were lost as a result of this tragedy. Both of these Brothers were long service dedicated employees, good Union men and family men who will be missed greatly by their friends and co-workers. The loss to their families cannot be measured. Our hearts and thoughts go to them as they struggle through this difficult time. Brother Jerry Moore, another long service employee, was working as a truck driver and was badly injured and hospitalized. We wish him a speedy recovery.

This senseless tragedy could have and should have been avoided. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is investigating this incident. BMWED is ably represented on the investigation team by Pennsylvania Federation Vice Chairperson Stearn. The NTSB will issue their recommendations and findings and we will learn valuable information from their report to prevent another incident like this in the future .

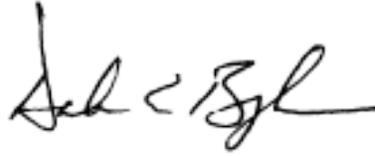
However, we believe that Amtrak's current management is directly responsible for creating the conditions that led to this tragedy. Attached is a letter sent to CEO Joseph Boardman which details the demands we are making to correct these conditions. We hope that Amtrak responds and makes these reforms. Unfortunately, we do not believe that we are dealing with reasonable people in this current Amtrak management and think they will fight these just and modest recommendations for reform.

There are many reasons we do not believe that Amtrak will voluntarily deal with us in good faith. One example happened shortly after the accident. Brothers Carter and Adamovich worked many years in the Wilmington sub-division. Amtrak ordered the employees of the Wilmington sub-division to pick up the pieces of the backhoe from the right of way and stack them in a pile. The men ordered to do this were close friends and co-workers with Brothers Carter and Adamovich. Many cried as they followed this order. Words cannot describe the ignorance that would produce this order. This level of ignorance cannot be reasoned with, it must be defeated.

In the period to come, we will attempt to resolve this dispute with Amtrak management and make this property safer and ensure that no one else dies. We will enforce our rights by any means necessary. We know we can count on our rank and file to support the struggle like all of our lives depend on it. This is because all of our lives do depend on it.

In the memory of our fallen Brothers and Co-workers, to ensure we will each return home to our families each day, I remain,

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale E. Bogart Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Dale E. Bogart Jr.
General Chairman

Cc: All NESF System Officers
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