

Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017
Subject: National Negotiations Update

Sisters and Brothers,

I have heard from some of our people that the Rail Labor Negotiating Coalition consisting of the BLE, UTU, Firemen and Oilers, ATDA, and the Boilermakers and Blacksmiths reached a tentative agreement with the railroads last week. Remember, this is just a rumor. However, if you have not already heard, I wanted you to hear this from us first. I made a couple of calls last Friday to members of that coalition, but have yet to hear back from them. As soon as I confirm this, one way or the other, I'll let you know.

We have known for quite some time that, since this is the coalition representing the most number of railroad workers - the BLE-T and the UTU, the railroads wanted to reach agreement with this group first. So, with the exception of a few brief negotiating sessions with our coalition and the BMW/SMART Sheet Metal Workers coalition over the last few months, they have chosen to negotiate basically with this group only.

Hopefully I'll be able to get more information on this tomorrow. As soon as I do, you'll be the first to hear.

Fraternally and in Solidarity,

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