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Raymond T. Betler, CEO
Wabtec Corporation
1001 Air Brake Avenue
Wilmerding, PA 15148 – USA

Dear Mr. Betler:

I am writing to urge you to follow and maintain the existing collective bargaining agreement until a new one is negotiated in good faith with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) and their two local unions in Erie, Pennsylvania. The UE has had an 82-year history with GE. Its members have made GE Transportation one of the world's leading locomotive manufacturers.

Let's be clear. Wabtec is not a poor company. It is not going broke. Through the first three quarters of last year, Wabtec made a \$256 million profit and had enough money to give you a \$3.5 million compensation package. This year, total revenue for Wabtec is expected to exceed \$7.7 billion.

In my view, the Wabtec/GE merger should not be used to take away the hard-fought gains UE has achieved over the past several decades. I have been told that your current offer would mandate overtime, adopt arbitrary schedules, reduce wages by up to 38 percent for recalled and newly hired workers, and replace up to 20 percent of the workforce with low-paid temporary workers. That would be absolutely unacceptable.

The skills and experience in locomotive building of these workers are second to none and they should be compensated as such. In order to continue producing the high-quality products acquired through this merger, Wabtec will need the expertise these skilled workers have gained.

I will be closely following these negotiations and will provide my full support and solidarity to the workers at this plant to ensure that they achieve a fair and equitable collective bargaining agreement.

Sincerely,



Bernard Sanders
United States Senator

cc: John Thompson, UE International Representative
Kari Thompson, UE Director of International Strategies