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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to announce that the tentative agreement initialed for Metro-North Maintenance of Way has been **RESOUNDINGLY DEFEATED** by a vote of 69 to 3. Seventy-four ballots were received – 69 against ratification; 3 for ratification and two invalid. I want to personally thank you for your careful consideration of this proposal and your support for General Chairman Mills and I.


Brother Mills and I will, as promised, do everything we can to reach the best agreement possible. To that end, I have today instructed Brother Mills to make you a part of the Metro-North bargaining Coalition, which is aggressively seeking to negotiate a better contract.

There are those who are saying that this was merely a political victory for the Union, however, we all know better. This was you, the membership, exercising your rights through the democratic process to reject an inferior contract. And, we will continue to listen.

In that connection, Brother Mills is in the process of setting up informational meetings for the membership on the M of W side. Information will be forthcoming regarding available dates. Those wishing to participate should contact Brother Mills.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the vote of confidence and support you have given us throughout this difficult time and as we face the challenges ahead of us.

Yours in solidarity,

  
Joseph J. Derillo, Sr., President  
ARASA Division-TCU/IAM

cc: William Mills, GC

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