

Long Island Railroad, Long Island New York

General Chairman

Michael J. Canino

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to begin by thanking you for the tremendous showing of support during the ratification of our new contract. This was the highest percentage for a contract ratification in the history of our organization.

Our agreement has been embraced by every labor union on the property and I expect that in a very short period the other labor organizations will be wrapping up the same agreement for their members.

I can't emphasize enough the importance of a strong committee. The size, strength and diversity of our membership, guided by experienced leadership, keeps us in the forefront. You can be proud of your committeemen, they worked long and hard keeping our ship on an even keel while the nuts and bolts were tightening down our contract. I would be remiss if I didn't extend a personal note of appreciation to Bob Bilello our Vice General Chairman and Larry Mielke our Secretary to the General Committee. Their assistance was invaluable!

As you know, the UTU is by far the most pro-active and the most responsive labor organization on Long Island. Our leadership role on the property, as well as in the political arena, will always be second to none and we will always do whatever it takes in order to maintain the highest standards for our members.

In closing, the Committee and I wish to express our appreciation to the finest union membership in the world. May you and yours have a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Fraternally,

Michael J. Canino

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