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May 3, 2004

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Dear Sir and Brother:

As the affiliated unions of the Rail Labor Division (RLD) of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, we are asking for your continued help on the final push for the enactment of companion legislation introduced in both Houses of the New York Legislature, S06943 and A09149.

As you know, portions of this legislation prohibit the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) from using certain funds to compensate any elected or appointed officers of the Association of Commuter Rail Employees (ACRE), a rogue organization engaged in raiding the memberships of existing AFL-CIO unions on certain rail properties, including MTA. In an effort to damage the unions of the RLD, ACRE and the MTA have formed a "Company Union" with MTA providing a significant reimbursement for ACRE's administrative costs. Such practices should never be tolerated, which is why we are writing to you. Your help to secure enactment of this legislation will ensure that ACRE is no longer a fully funded arm of the MTA.

We look forward to your continued support, and we thank you for the work you do to protect our members each and every day in the great state of New York. Should you have any questions, please contact Dennis Boston, Vice President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, at 703/830-6907.

Fraternally,



W.D. Pickett
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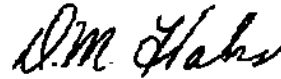
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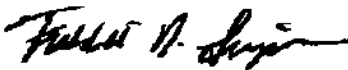
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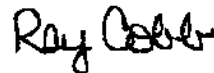
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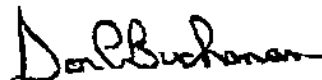
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