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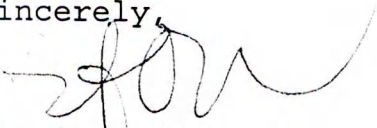
28 February 1996

Mr. Charles L. Little
International President
United Transportation Union
14600 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44107-4250

Dear Mr. Little:

This acknowledges your 20 February 1996 letter regarding the Railroad Retirement Board. You should know that the Administration is aware of the situation and is looking into the matter further, and that I will get back with soon with an update.

Sincerely,


Jennifer O'Connor
Special Assistant to the President

Letter -
- looking into
will get
back to you

CHARLES L. LITTLE
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February 20, 1996

Ms. Jennifer O'Connor
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

I write to join in the views expressed in the January 30, 1996 letter of Mr. Don C. Buchanan, Director of Railroad and Shipyard Workers of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association regarding the current Railroad Retirement Board Chairman, Glen Bower. Mr. Bower continues to operate as a tool of the carriers, rather than as the Public Member.

He continues to support Carrier Member of the Railroad Retirement Board Kever in implementing substantive, not administrative regulatory changes without any input from Labor Member Speakman, which have a severe adverse affect on retirees while wasting Board resources. Labor Member Speakman asked that Chairman Bower and Carrier Member Kever wait until Labor and Management could discuss the changes, but Chairman Bower ignored the request at the December 20, 1995 Board meeting, and the regulatory changes were implemented. The changes increase work deductions in retiree benefits, unfairly limit the conditions for waiving overpayments made to retirees, limit retroactive adjustments of railroad retirement payments to situations where the correction is unfavorable for the retirees, and prohibit adjustments favorable to retirees, and limit the legitimate crediting of erroneously excluded past railroad retirement earnings.

It is obvious that the Chairman and Carrier Member are making substantive changes to the railroad retirement system not authorized by Congress with no collective input from Labor and Management. The Chairman is supposed to represent the Administration. We are still waiting for him to perform his duties, rather than continuing to combine with the Carrier Member to usurp Congressional authority.

Sincerely yours,

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Charles L. Little
International President

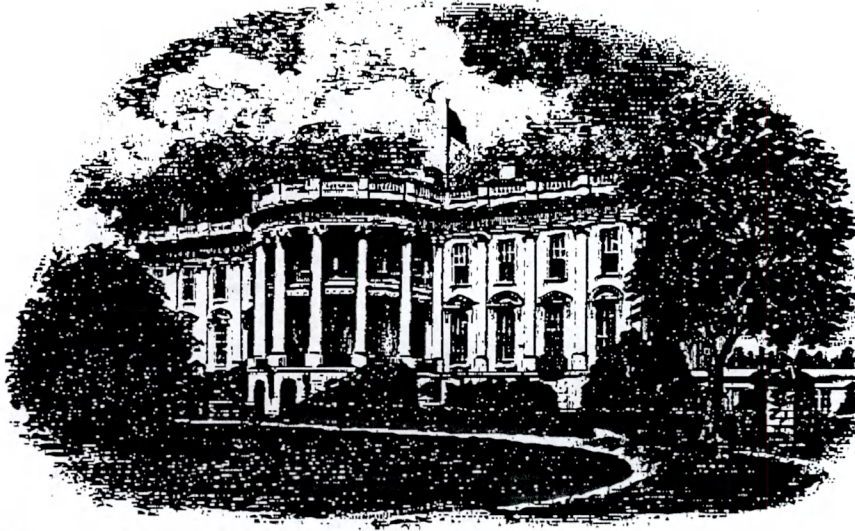
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Jennifer, 11/5
please call him asap with
your comments/sign off.
They are very anxious
to get this letter
to POTUS for signature

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The White House
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Comments: Re-fax of ICC
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I need approved so I can
get it to POTUS for his signature.

Thanks —

Draft of presidential response

Thank you for your letter about H.R. 2539, the bill to sunset the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). I appreciate your following up on our discussion.

I signed this legislation into law because it is consistent with my Administration's goal of eliminating the ICC and reducing unnecessary regulations. This bill abolishes the ICC, transferring many of its functions to a new Surface Transportation Board (STB) located within the Department of Transportation (DOT). At the same time, this legislation empowers the new STB to promote deregulation administratively on a case-by-case basis. I will call upon the Board to use this authority to benefit customers to the fullest extent and to facilitate economic growth.

While this legislation abolishes a number of obsolete and unnecessary functions of the ICC, including those that overlap with DOT regarding safety oversight and insurance requirements in the trucking industry, I am disappointed that it does not go far enough. However, I am satisfied that the Congress addressed my Administration's strong objections to earlier versions of this legislation, which would have severely curtailed labor protection for railroad employees adversely affected by certain railroad transactions, including mergers. And I am pleased that the final version of the bill preserves the important rail reforms of 1980, which have helped improve rail service and bring the railroad industry back to profitability.

I am glad to have the perspective of the United Transportation Union on this important issue, and I'm grateful for your active involvement. Thanks again for taking the time to write.

CHARLES L. LITTLE
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December 11, 1995



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Ms. Betty Curry
Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Curry:

The President asked on Friday night that I send the attached to him through you.

I appreciate your attention to this.

Sincerely,


James M. Brunkenhoefer
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The Honorable William J. Clinton
United States President
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Dear Mr. President:

This is in response to your request when we met on Friday, December 8. At that time you requested that I describe why it is important to rail labor that the ICC bill likely to emerge from conference this week be vetoed. I appreciate your willingness to hear from the United Transportation Union on this, and I assure you that all of rail labor shares these views.

First, this bill, H.R. 2539, does nothing to achieve the policies put forward by your Administration. It abolishes the ICC in name only; the vast majority of the duties of the ICC remain, and some new ones are added. Secretary Pena has argued to the House, the Senate and the Conferees that the bill is seriously flawed. Press reports indicate that the ICC does not even intend to vacate their current building, but simply to change the name.

Your Administration proposed a serious plan to abolish the ICC, transferring the functions to other appropriate agencies -- antitrust to Justice, labor issues to the Department of Labor, and remaining functions to the Department of Transportation. This bill does none of that. A new independent board will be created within the Department of Transportation, with the same duties as under current law and totally independent of DOT.

There are no savings; there are no efficiencies; there is no reduction in regulation; this bill is a charade to mask the continuation of the status quo.

Second, virtually the only major change contained in the bill will be the reduction in labor protection provided to employees when smaller railroads acquire short lines from the large carriers, or when the short lines merge. At a time when every transportation analyst sees a dramatic increase in the sale of short lines by the major carriers as the current wave of mergers continues, this change inflicts much harm on our members.

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J. M. BRUNKENHOEFER

This bill will make it easier for the ICC successor to authorize the purchase of a line or the merger of smaller railroads without any concern for the employees. At the same time the bill preserves the right of the ICC to break the collective bargaining agreements of the employees.

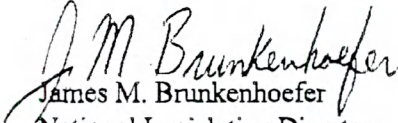
Employees who have worked for a railroad for decades can be left with nothing. The reward for a lifetime of work is unemployment, and the breaking of their contract for those lucky enough to find work on a merged railroad. At a time when railroads are earning record profits, and merging to gain even greater economic power, the message to the employees is "tough luck."

With all the focus on the current budget debate, and your heroic efforts to defend Medicare, Medicaid, education and other vital programs, I know it is difficult to ask you to spend time on this bill. But the decisions made in the next two years in the rail industry will determine the shape of our transportation system for decades. The proposed merger of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, and the subsequent mergers that will inevitably follow, to the point where we will almost certainly have only two railroads in this country, require that we take the proper action now.

This bill fails every test. The authority of the railroad industry to merge regardless of the competitive consequences is preserved, without even significant input from the Department of Justice. There is no change that might upset the railroad industry, but they feel free to diminish the rights of employees.

I appreciate your taking the time to read this. Your continuing leadership on all the issues facing the country is vital, and demonstrates why 1996 will be a great year.

Sincerely,


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March 12, 1996

**GENERAL CHAIRPERSONS, U.S. RAIL
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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the United Transportation Union in cooperation with the Unions representing our Nation's rail workers, we are jointly requesting your help on a matter of critical importance to all active and retired railroad employees.

The Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, Glen L. Bower, is attempting to undo our Railroad Retirement System by advancing an agenda of procedural and regulatory changes deliberately designed to harm beneficiaries of the Railroad Retirement System. We are asking all active and retired railroad workers to write directly to the President of the United States requesting his assistance in removing Glen L. Bower from office.

I am requesting that each of you contact your Local Chairpersons and Legislative Representatives and ask that they have their members write President Clinton regarding this most serious matter. We have enclosed a letter that can be used to bring this matter to President Clinton's attention.

Please join us in this effort. The security of the Railroad Retirement System and your family's future depends on your participation.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

**For Your Information
J. R. HENRY
Local Chairman
United Transportation Union**

Charles L. Little

Charles L. Little
International President

Enclosure

cc: International Officers

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Railroad
Retirement
Board*

Sample letter

March 15, 1996

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to bring to your attention a matter of critical concern for all active and retired railroad workers throughout our country. The current Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, Glen L. Bower, continues to engage in a deliberate and vicious attack against the beneficiaries of the Railroad Retirement System. As Mr. Bower is your administration's spokesman on issues relating to the Railroad Retirement System, our Union has written to you and met with members of your Administration expressing despair over his abuse of his position as Chairman and his arrogant lack of concern for the people he is supposed to protect on your behalf. To date, Mr. President, we have seen nothing to indicate that our concerns are being addressed, as Mr. Bower has become more entrenched in positions which are deliberately designed to enrage and hurt the individuals and families served under the Railroad Retirement System. As an example, Mr. Bower is now advocating the virtual elimination of the Board's field offices which provide the day-to-day service for Railroad Retirement beneficiaries and workers who are unable to work due to injury, illness, or job loss. We know your Administration does not want to ruin the good service we receive. Since Mr. Bower is deliberately misrepresenting your administration's position on matters of great importance to us, please take action to remove him from office before he can cause us any more harm.

Mr. President, we have worked long and hard to build and protect our retirement system, and we implore you, do not let this system be destroyed from within by an irresponsible individual. Remove Glen Bower now and replace him with an individual who knows the Railroad Retirement System and who is sensitive to our needs.

Sincerely,

ROUTING SLIP

DATE: 7/25/96FROM: Stephanie Streett and Anne Hawley
Deputy Assistants to the President and Directors of SchedulingSUBJECT: Sate Lite to United Steelworkers of AmericaDon Baer ☒Mack McLarty ☐Peg Cusack ☐Leon Panetta ☐Rahm Emanuel ☐Jack Quinn ☐Jack Gibbons ☐Carol Rasco ☐Laura Graham ☒Paige Reffe ☐Marcia Hale ☐Patti Solis ☐Alexis Herman ☐Doug Sosnik ☒Nancy Hernreich ☐G. Stephanopoulos ☐Kitty Higgins ☐Todd Stern ☐John Hilley ☐Ann Stock ☐Harold Ickes ☒Kim Tilley ☐Jennifer Jose ☐Jodie Torkelson ☐Ron Klain ☐Laura Tyson ☐Anthony Lake ☐Melanne Verveer ☐Evelyn Lieberman ☐Michael Waldman ☐Bruce Lindsey ☐Maggie Williams ☐Mike McCurry ☒Jennifer O'Connor ☒Karen Hancock ☒FILE: pending

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Schedule Proposal

7/22/96

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TO: Anne Hawley and Stephanie Streett
Directors of Scheduling for the President

FROM: Harold Ickes
Jennifer O'Connor

REQUEST: For the President to give a speech via
satellite to the 28th Constitutional
Convention of the United Steelworkers of
America.

BACKGROUND AND
PURPOSE: This union represents thousands of
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DURATION: TBD

LOCATION: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: TBD

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: George Becker, President, United Steelworkers
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CONTACT: Jennifer O'Connor, 6-6350

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DATE: 7, 22, 96

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COMMENTS: perhaps satellite (VP?)
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Schedule Proposal

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George Becker
International President

April 16, 1996

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

The Twenty-eighth Constitutional Convention of the United Steelworkers of America will be held in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, during the period of August 5 through noon August 8, 1996.

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Will you, at your convenience, advise us whether you can work this into your schedule.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE BECKER
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TO: Kim Tilley
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