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To All General Chairpersons
and State Legislative Directors

Dear Sirs and Madams:

It has come to our attention that Sheet Metal Workers President Michael Sullivan has sent a letter to you and other UTU officers claiming that he is now in charge of all things UTU and that everything must be cleared through him, including collective-bargaining. He has also demanded that all dues be paid to him. This speaks volumes regarding UTU autonomy should Mr. Sullivan ever gain control.

I want to assure you that Mr. Sullivan has no factual or legal basis for his statements. Contrary to Mr. Sullivan's contentions, there is **no** court decision stating or directing that the merger is now in effect or that SMART exists. Such statements by Mr. Sullivan are simply false, and he knows that. Let me emphasize that **nothing has changed with regard to UTU or its operation**. UTU is and will continue to be the representative of train and engine service employees, as well as bus and airline employees. All collective bargaining, contract enforcement, and dues collection remains unchanged.

The reprehensible acts of Mr. Sullivan here are those of a desperate man who is simply resorting to bullying tactics to try and force his will on you. A will that he knows is unjustified by any measure. These desperate actions are the result of a lack of legal support to force the merger through. I am truly amazed that any union officer could stoop to such a level. Rest assured that he cannot and will not succeed in this approach. UTU will continue to control its own destiny.

Lastly, please note that there is no need for you to respond to Mr. Sullivan's letter. By my letter dated March 26, 2010, we have informed Mr. Sullivan that his tactics will not work.

Fraternally yours,

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