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Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Attached you will find the Carrier's latest response to our opposition to their recent "Availability Policy". As you can see the Carrier has addressed our concerns dealing with what we perceive as a conflict between their Policy and our Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Through our concerted effort, we were able to get your concerns to the highest levels of the BNSF Railroad. **AND IT WORKED.** Therefore, as previously committed, the decision of whether to return to the practice of participating in the Carrier's Safety Committee, SACP and other related projects rests entirely with each of your respective divisions. Your division is free to make this decision.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one associated in this fight and it just goes to show, if we stand together shoulder to shoulder we can get our issues addressed by this Carrier.

Fraternity,



John Mullen

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