



Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Dear Committee Member:

Please be advised that effective immediately, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes ("BMWE") withdraws all opposition to H.R. 4844, the "Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000." Any questions regarding H.R. 4844 that you would have directed to the BMWE should be addressed to the coalition of labor unions and railroads supporting passage of the Bill. BMWE wishes to thank all members of the Committee and their staffs who have given us the opportunity to state our views on this legislation. BMWE also wishes to inform you that we have been assured by the National Railway Labor Conference that our members will receive the agreed upon changes to the early retirement major medical insurance plan commonly known as "GA-46000" (or equivalent plans on non GA-46000 railroads) to the same extent as all other rail labor union members affected by the legislation. If you have any questions about this letter, please call Jim Knight, BMWE Director of Government Affairs, at (202) 638-2135.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mac A. Fleming". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

M. A. Fleming
President

cc: All Rail Labor Chief Executives
R. Allen
BMWE Grand Lodge Officers and General Chairmen