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Dear President Thompson,

I am very happy to learn of UTU's endorsement of my campaign. It is great to have the support of old friends.

I believe that it is important to UTU members to know how I feel about the issues important to them. I believe that Amtrak, commuter rail and public transportation should be well funded and have recently laid out a plan to do just that. I believe that there should be a fair way of keeping a Commercial Drivers License and I know that the labor protections at both the Department of Labor and the Surface Transportation Board should be strengthened. There is no need to worry for UTU members - I continue to strongly support Railroad Retirement and the Federal Employers Liability Act. I believe that all UTU members should be trained in safety and security and that it is important that UTU members should not be abandoned on trains at the conclusion of the Hours of Service Act or should be required to work fatigued. I want you to know that I support you in your negotiations with the railroads, particularly on issues such as entry rate and training, and if the need should arise that a Presidential Emergency Board was required, it should be balanced and fair and not ignore the needs of UTU members.

I will stand with you just as I have fought for working families my entire life. I'm honored to have your support and together we can bring about the change this country so desperately needs. I promise UTU members that at noon, January 20, 2009, they will once again have a friend and a champion at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

With appreciation and warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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