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VIA EMAIL ONLY

All Rail General Chairpersons Subject to National Handling  
SMART Transportation Division

RE: National Strike Vote Authorized by General Committees of Adjustment

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

This is in follow up to my letter dated July 8, 2022, initiating a strike authorization vote in accordance with SMART Constitution Article 21B, Section 91, which states in pertinent part:

*“A strike may be authorized by the President Transportation Division... provided such action under this Section is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in any association. Such vote may be taken as the President Transportation Division may direct by mail, wire, or while in session.” [emphasis added]*

As of the date of this letter, this office has received responses from 33 of the 44 affected General Committees of Adjustment, with the votes unanimously cast IN FAVOR of engaging in self-help, should that option become available regarding this dispute. As the two-thirds approval has been obtained, this office has begun final preparation for the possibility of engaging in legal self-help.

To reiterate the instructions in my prior correspondence, **this approval does not automatically constitute authorization to engage in self-help. Any such authorization will come in a separate notice from this office. The earliest such notice could be issued would be on or after 12:01 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 2022. However, should the President establish a Presidential Emergency Board, which is what is generally expected, no self-help authorization can be issued during that process.** In the event no PEB is established, to help prepare for the possibility of a strike, we will soon begin distributing general instructions and materials to all affected SMART-TD Locals. Information will also be sent out to our membership via email, and posted on our website and social media pages.

With gratitude for your continued support throughout this process, I remain

Fraternally yours,

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President - Transportation Division

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