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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week I met with Emmett Fremaux, Amtrak's Vice President Customer Service, Brian Rosenwald, Senior Director, Customer Field Operations, Kevin Scott from Service Delivery and Vern Miller from Labor Relations during their staff meeting in Oakland, CA. We discussed many of the changes that are scheduled for Amtrak this year, including the "Simplified Dining Service".

The only cuts concerning ARASA that they proposed are nine (9) jobs in the Service Delivery area, and they said this is do to the contracting out of the 896/Debriefing office work to a company in El Paso, TX. The timetable for the elimination of these positions is early summer. They promised to keep us and the employees who will be impacted up to date.

We have requested another meeting Vice President Fremaux next month to continue discussions regarding Amtrak's future and the many challenges that face our company and its employees. As always, I will give you news as soon as I get it.

Meanwhile, there are many rumors circulating, but that has always been the case at Amtrak. My advice is simply to do the best job you can each day and not worry about things you can not control.

Hope to see you at a meeting in your area soon, meanwhile, keep the faith.

In solidarity,

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