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To All:

After more than 53 years of membership, 29 as your President, it's time to begin a new phase of my life. It's time for me to receive my Railroad Retirement Pension. One of the most cherished benefits that we have.

This Union has been my life's work. Through the years, I have met hundreds upon hundreds of Union Representatives and thousands upon thousands of Union members across this nation.

Working together we have accomplished much. Our contracts are second to none and our pension under Railroad Retirement, a negotiated benefit legislated into law, is one of the best, if not the best, pension there is. Projected rock solid for many years to come.

I thank all our Union Representatives who, through the years, have served this Union and its membership. I thank you for your friendship and support throughout my Union career. I thank all the staff of our Union who have contributed immensely to the success of our Union. And finally, and most important, the membership. It's the Union members who give our cause its purpose. It is the members who make our Union the great Union that it is. You are the heart and soul of America's labor movement.

It has been my honor to have devoted my entire working career to the Union and the members thereof. The Union - the only institution dedicated exclusively to protect and enhance the wages, working conditions, health and welfare, and pension of its members from the first day on the job to the last day of their life. It has been my honor, indeed.

Diana and I are looking forward to our life in retirement with the financial security we have because of our Railroad Retirement Pension.

Farewell to all and God bless.

In solidarity,

Robert A. Scardelletti

National President