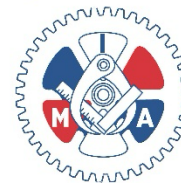


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TO: All TCU Officers of Long Island Railroad

- National Representative
- Assistant National Representative
- Local Lodge Officers

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

With the looming government shutdown, I want to set the record straight: **our Presidential Emergency Board (PEB) for the Long Island Rail Road is not impacted by any government shutdown. The process we are in will continue to move forward, regardless of what happens in Washington.**

This isn't our first rodeo. TCU, alongside our coalition partners, has navigated shutdowns, delays, and political distractions before, and every time, the process has continued. The law that governs railroad labor disputes is clear: once a PEB is in place, the timeline, procedures, and the budget are locked in. Nothing about a government shutdown changes that.

Our focus remains exactly where it should be: fighting for the fair contract you deserve. We know what's at stake, and we are prepared to see this process through to the end.

Stay strong, stay informed, and know that your union is on the job. Together, we will get this done.

In solidarity,

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