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Dear President Futhey,

I am a dues paying member with concerns that the UTU International has just brushed aside. I have called your office for help with the Single System Agreement. Members from different Locals and Committee's have also called asking for help. I went to count the votes on my Committee and I witness two General Chairman committing fraud by changing the votes. I understand that they changed the votes back but that is still fraud, unethical and a violation of the Constitution. All the while the International as done nothing to help, protect or got involved. I have been a member since 2001 and saw three International Presidents lie, steal and cheat the membership now we have one that going to sit back and watch four Committee's fall apart. The International has allowed one General Chairman to revote the single system agreement under Article 85 lines 30 threw 33, states how and what a General Chairman must do. The majority of the votes cast was against the agreement but you allowed a revote just because the Chairman did not get the vote he wanted in the first one. There are several agreements that by far are better than the one we have seen from CSX. In the latest UTU news letter it shows a better agreement then what we had to vote on. The three General Chairman have sold four Committee's down the road by allowing this agreement to get this far. I do not know how much longer we can keep going down this road before the wheels fall off.

Also, I think it's very sad to see an International officer making a video claiming this is a great agreement. He should be looking out for the memberships. The International should be asking how and why the membership had to vote on an agreement that offered very little. The agreement had a combined total of 754 votes **FOR** this agreement and 1307 total votes **AGAINST**. But again the membership loses out. The L&N Committee has the best agreement for the membership. Mr. Kerley stated in a letter that "CSX made it clear from the very beginning of our negotiations that they wanted a collective bargaining agreement that permitted greater flexibility in service design and delivery so as to provide more responsive customer service. However, there is no doubt that the CSRA is very different from any of the previous agreements on the property. Whether it is "better" or "worse" than another agreement is a matter of individual opinion. You have clearly articulated yours, and it would be entirely inappropriate for me to comment at all on that subject." Mr. Kerley has already stated his opinion when he made a video on the Single System Agreement. This agreement gave CSX everything they wanted.

I, like my brothers will make a choice in a couple of months to stay with a sinking ship or jump to the BLET. I will get no vote, no say, no representation and cheaper dues with the BLET. Other than cheaper dues it will be like I never left the UTU. The only other hope will be a SMART Union. Maybe they would have done things differently.

Fraternally,

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