

# Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

January 25, 2002

As you are aware, current extraordinary issues are developing in the rail industry that will directly affect our craft as Locomotive Engineers. In light of those developments, the Union Pacific BLE General Chairmen met on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to review and discuss these pressing issues the following results:

- **Remote Control Technology** – We the undersigned are committed to protecting the interests of ALL operating craft employees with regard to the introduction of this new technology into our industry.

- **Single Craft** – We the undersigned are committed to protecting the traditional crafts that have existed for over 100 years in the rail industry. The agenda of a select few cannot be allowed to infringe upon the clearly mandated will of the majority.

- **Contract Negotiations** – We the undersigned are committed to press forward with Union Pacific regarding resolution of our Section 6 Notices concerning on property agreement issues.

We agreed to band together in unwavering solidarity as a first step to effectively address the above matters. While clearly autonomous as a craft and Organization, we share common concerns with our Brothers and Sisters of the separate operating crafts and stand in opposition to any effort that seeks to eliminate the same.

The time has come for each of us to take a stand for that which is not free, nor guaranteed. We are committed to protecting the employees, their crafts and their families. During our discussion on these issues one fact became crystal clear. With the support and direct participation of the BLE Membership, we stand empowered in the face of this adversity. This statement declares our solidarity and commitment to you and we ask that each of you renew your commitment to our Brotherhood in preparation for the challenges ahead. Stand ready and prepare yourself to unite with one voice. In solidarity we remain.

Fraternally yours,

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