

Sisters and Brothers,

Unfortunately, due to the “Sequestration,” Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Benefit payments are being reduced by 9.2% beginning March 1, 2013. Please see the attached press release issued yesterday afternoon by the RRB. Letters are being sent out by the RRB to approximately 7,668 Railroad employees currently receiving unemployment and sickness benefits. These reductions will not affect retirement benefits, survivor benefits, or disability benefits. For more information, please visit the RRB website at [www.RRB.gov](http://www.RRB.gov).

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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