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**Subject:** National Negotiations

Good morning Sisters and Brothers,

Our last meeting for National Negotiations took place on October 6th. As that was the date our IBEW Railroad Conference began, System Council 6 General Chairman Andy Fiery attended on behalf of the IBEW.

At our prior meeting in September, our coalition had given the railroads a revised proposal that we thought was reasonable. Our hopes were that the railroads would consider our proposal and come back to us with something reasonable.

Unfortunately what they came back to us with on October 6th was not even close to anything we would consider. As such, following 5 negotiating sessions with little or no progress and in an effort to expedite these negotiations, our coalition unions have decided to request that the National Mediation Board (NMB) invoke mediation. IBEW President Lonnie Stephenson will be sending a letter to the NMB this week requesting such.

I will keep you apprised as this situation progresses. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

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