

Flash News

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AAR Petitions FRA to Increase Off-Air Time to 24 Hours

The Association of American Railroads (AAR), on behalf of itself and its member railroads, recently petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from Federal railroad safety regulations which require brake tests to be performed on a train when it has been off-air for four hours. AAR specifically requests that the four-hour off-air restriction be replaced by a 24-hour off-air restriction. AAR maintains the requested relief will not affect safety.

The Brotherhood Railway Carman (BRC) has joined with four other rail unions to oppose AAR's petition for waiver because the requested relief could endanger the safety of both railroad workers and the general public. [Click here](#) for more information.

AFL-CIO - Quality Education Starts with Quality Teachers

In a recent statement by AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka he expressed solidarity with public school teachers in West Virginia: "The victory for teachers and public employees in West Virginia is a true testament to their activism and an important reminder of the power of working people to improve the lives of everyone."

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Free Collage Benefit...

From Union Plus Available to All TCU Members

Through the new Union Plus Free College Benefit program, TCU/IAM members and their families can receive a college education with no out-of-pocket expenses. Eligible applicants can earn an Associate Degree – online, for free, as long as their financial aid file is complete.

Under an academic partnership with Eastern Gateway Community College, Union Plus offers grants known as "last dollar scholarships."

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