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An Open Letter to Newly Elected Teamsters National Leadership

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Dear Teamster's Union Leadership-Elect:

Railroad Workers United (RWU) would like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt congratulations upon your victory in the recent IBT elections.

Many of us in rail are optimistic that the Teamsters United triumph can move the union forward on a new path, ushering in a new era of rank-and-file action, internal union democracy and participation, member-to-member solidarity, and a unified labor organization, one committed to organizing new members, building rank & file power, mobilizing the membership, and winning better contracts.

As you are aware, railroad workers of the Teamsters Rail Conference across the board voted in favor of change in the IBT elections five years ago, unhappy with the Hoffa leadership. While that was a heart-breaking loss, the resounding victory this time around was worth the wait!

RWU offers to work with the new IBT leadership upon assuming office. While the membership of our organization is drawn from the ranks of all rail labor and all rail unions, a substantial number of our activists are Teamster members. But all our members – and all railroad workers – have a keen interest in a strong and united Teamster Rail Conference and Teamsters union.

Please do not hesitate to call on our organization at any point you think we might be of assistance in your efforts to build Teamster power and move the union in a new direction.

All the best to all of you!

In solidarity,

Ron Kaminkow, General Secretary
for the RWU Steering Committee