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With the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 21 ending thankfully things are becoming more normal. People are traveling in large numbers and the Carriers volumes continue to grow. With the strong growth there have been some modest recalls of furloughed members, but it remains obvious that the pursuit of PSR and lower operating ratios remains a priority.

The FRA mask mandate remains intact and appears that there will be no changes in the immediate future. Please remain diligent and be as safe as possible and remember that virus is still active, and the new variants continue to evolve.

National negotiations continue to be held via zoom. Hopes are to begin in person negotiations as soon as appropriate. Our coalition will continue to negotiate in whatever format in hopes of reaching an acceptable agreement for our members.

We are currently in Mediation with Metra and Evansville Western Railroad. The NMB as of this time is not authorized to travel so these mediated sessions continue via video conference. District 19 is negotiating with a coalition on both properties. Meetings continue to be scheduled and held.

Other agreements being negotiated at this time are the BPRR, MRL CP Soo, Cp DM&E, CP D&H LS&I, NJT and a protection agreement for members at Cresson, PA.

I have been assisting the General Chairman in all negotiations. Negotiations continue to be difficult with most of the Carriers and challenging with Covid and PSR.

Hope you all are well and continue to be safe.

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