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To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this open letter is to set the public record straight in the face of any possible confusion or misunderstanding. Railroad Workers United is in no way connected to any efforts by BLET members of the Iowa State Legislative Board to uncover alleged malfeasance on the part of the officers of this Board. A number of RWU members are also BLET members from the state of Iowa. Any and all actions that any of them have taken or may take in regards to investigating the internal practices and policies of the BLET Iowa State Legislative Board are their actions and theirs alone, and they have not been endorsed or in any way supported or encouraged by Railroad Workers United.

RWU as an organization does not concern itself with the internal financial affairs of the myriad rail unions. Any issues that may arise of this nature within these organizations are best left to the members of the respective organization themselves to work out. With this said, RWU encourages all railroad workers who choose to join RWU to practice the highest degree of solidarity and good conduct with regard to their fellow workers. As an RWU member, others may construe any and all activities that the member takes – good, bad or ugly – as somehow related to the member's affiliation with Railroad Workers United.

In conclusion, the RWU Steering Committee has never considered the question of alleged financial malfeasance within the BLET Iowa State Legislative Board. There is no record in the ISC meeting minutes of any deliberations or action related to this question. And no RWU member has brought the issue before the Steering Committee. As a result, RWU has limited knowledge and awareness of this internal union matter and has taken no official position on the question. In short, it is not our affair.

The RWU Steering Committee