



# Railroad Workers United

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## **RWU Resolution in Support of a Rail Worker – Rail Advocates Alliance**

**Whereas**, rail labor organizations have traditionally pushed for better wages, benefits, safe working conditions, expanded job opportunities for railroad workers; and

**Whereas**, rail passenger advocacy groups have a similar agenda – one focused on expanded and improved rail service, with an emphasis on safety, quality, modernization, customer service, more frequent trains, new routes, etc.; and

**Whereas**, there is an obvious intersection of interests between rail labor organizations and rail advocate groups; and

**Whereas**, rail advocates' efforts over the years have contributed greatly to the preservation of Amtrak, the expansion of numerous short-haul and commuter operations, along with the preservation of branch lines and secondary mainlines throughout North America; and

**Whereas**, rail labor's efforts have contributed to a safer, more professionally run railroad; and

**Whereas** the conservative and reactionary forces that oppose public transportation are very often the very same forces that oppose rail unions and their agenda;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved** that Railroad Workers United wholeheartedly supports and encourages the rail advocacy community and their important efforts to preserve, protect and expand both passenger and freight service; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU encourages its affiliated Chapters and individual members to join and become active in such advocacy organizations both locally and nationally; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that likewise, RWU supports and encourages rail advocates – organizationally and individually – to support the efforts of rail labor, to build relationships with the various rail unions, and to join RWU as *Solidarity Members*; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU will work closely with such organizations where possible to our mutual benefit, participating jointly in various activities including rallies, demonstrations, and conferences, and symposiums as part of an effort to build a lasting long-term alliance; and

**Be it Finally Resolved** that RWU will encourage the various labor organization in rail - particularly those of the operating crafts and especially those locals representing passenger rail employees – to support, join and otherwise work alongside such groups as National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP), Midwest High Speed Rail Association (MHSRA), Rail Users Network (RUN) and other such groupings to further our mutual goals and objectives.

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