JOE BIDEN SUPPORTS COMMUTER RAILROAD WORKERS

• Sponsored a bill that enabled widows of railroad workers to receive their spouse’s full Tier II Railroad Retirement pension benefits
• Ensured that stimulus funding after the 2008 economic collapse went to rebuilding passenger railroad infrastructure
• Stood with rail labor over his career
   ▪ Advocated for robust federal infrastructure investments
   ▪ Fought for strong labor protections
   ▪ Promoted Buy America provisions

JOE BIDEN SUPPORTS COMMUTER RAILROAD INVESTMENTS

His Clean Energy Plan will create good union jobs by:

• Building and upgrading a cleaner, safer, stronger infrastructure, including municipal commuter railroad networks in rural and urban areas
• Providing high-quality, public transportation options with flexible federal investments and strong labor protections
• Funding the state-of-good-repair needs and capital infrastructure projects on existing commuter railroad and transit lines

JOE BIDEN FIGHTS FOR UNIONS

• Will check the abuse of corporate power over labor and hold corporate executives personally accountable for violations of labor laws
• Promotes collective bargaining for workers under the Railway Labor Act and commits to a high standard for intervening in strikes
• Guarantees that transportation investments meet commuter labor protections so that new jobs are good-paying jobs with family sustaining benefits
• Supports the passing of an OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard, which requires protections for frontline workers, and priority access to personal protective equipment and testing

“Ionnie, I can’t thank you enough, for you guys all the way back in February endorsing me. I promise you: I will not let you down. You’re the people who keep this ENGINE RUNNING. Wall Street didn’t build America; you built America.”

----Joe Biden, to the IBEW’s 2020 Campaign Kick-Off, 7/8/20

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“Why as a country are we so boneheaded to not understand the essential value of a rail system that’s modern throughout the whole country?”

--Joe Biden, 8/26/16

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“Joe Biden recognizes the necessity of a skilled, professional workforce that will help revitalize the railroad sector as a critical component of rebuilding America’s infrastructure.”

--Lonnie R. Stephenson, IBEW International President

TRUMP HAS FAILED COMMUTER RAILROAD WORKERS

- **Put workers and riders at risk of COVID-19** by failing to enact mandatory cleaning, PPE and social distancing that would protect passengers and frontline workers.

This administration’s:

Federal Railroad Administration

- **Granted excessive safety waivers** during COVID-19 response, offering oversight only after rail labor pressure.

Federal Transit Administration

- Refused to issue a rule that would mitigate the increasing assault cases on U.S. public transportation workers.

- Proposed a rule change that would eliminate Davis-Bacon, 13(c) transit employee labor protections and Buy America on federal projects.

TRUMP’S ACTIONS HURT COMMUTER RAILROAD WORKERS

The President’s budgets slash funding for public transportation

- FY2019 cuts USDOT funding by $1.7B.
- FY2020 Trump proposed cutting Capital Improvement Transit Grants by $1B.

- This administration’s Department of Transportation withheld billions of dollars of funding for major commuter railroad projects, even though a bipartisan bill already passed that allocated the funding.

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