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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

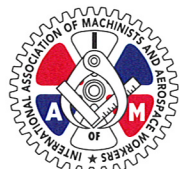
Now that the Democratic and Republican National Conventions have concluded, we will now be making our choice for the President and Vice President of the United States. You will be hearing many tainted and otherwise fictitious statements by the Republican candidates of John McCain/Sarah Palin. I urge you to go to the website, "McCainrevealed.org". This will give you the facts as to what Senator McCain is up to.

We cannot be fooled by the fact that the republican nominee says he has the right qualities to lead this country. If you watched any of the Republican National Convention, it was obvious McCain/Palin were working very hard to give the impression that they are all for what's good for the country and all its countrymen. Unfortunately, the truth of the matter is rail workers aren't included in the word "all". Make no mistake, this election is an election all about labor and working families. When you vote in November, you are voting not only on the direction this country is heading, you are voting for your job. Without your job, you cannot support this country. He wants to do away with your job and hand it over to private industry. It appears that McCain has no need for the railroads.

If you did follow the RNC, their statements on diversity and unanimity in this country were way off course, especially given the fact that the minority presence in the audience was almost non-existent. And while we are not voting on race, we are voting on facts. If you look at the Democratic ticket, Senator Obama has been steadfast with his principles and ethics. He has acknowledged that political corruption has played a role in both political parties in the past and wants to move toward open government. I also feel he deserves a great deal of credit by asking the media to keep the misfortunes of the family members of the



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candidates out of the news. Apparently, nothing is taboo when it comes to reporting.

Regarding the democratic ticket, Senator Biden is a compelling and very learned pick for Vice President. I believe McCain copied the term "maverick" from Senator Biden. He has a long track record of making difficult choices for the good of this country and its citizens.

In looking over the republican ticket, Governor Palin's state sits on vast amounts of oil and yet most of America is paying through the roof for this amenity. She was also party to receiving funds for the infamous Alaskan Bridge to nowhere. I must seriously question the republican party's ability to lead this country with level-headedness and change in the future. We may have change, but I fear it won't be for the better. Just because you situate yourself at the podium shouting, "Stand, stand, stand", stealing a line from Sly and the Family Stone, doesn't mean we're shoulder to shoulder on the issues. Their policies mirror those of Bush and a vote for McCain will continue to chain us to the same policies of the last eight years.

I urge you to vote for your jobs in November. Jobs are disappearing by the tens of thousands in this country. Without your jobs, there is no security for the working families and there is no America as we know it. We are the hard-working backbone of this country. Let your voice be heard in November.

Yours in solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph J. Derillo, Sr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'S'.

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