



# Transportation Communications International Union



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TO ALL LOCAL CHAIRPERSONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I am asking your cooperation in our campaign supporting changes of current election procedures of the National Mediation Board (NMB) which treat non-voters as if they had voted "no." Elections across our country are based on recognizing the choice of a majority of voters who participate in the election. Non-votes are not counted as favoring one outcome or the other. These NMB rules are unfair, undemocratic and outdated. Representation elections for airline and railroad workers should be decided by the **majority of employees voting**, just like every other election in America today.

Included with this letter you will find a supply of prepaid, stamped postcards to distribute to your members. Please urge them to sign it, hand it back to you for your mailing, in bulk, to IAMAW Transportation Department, Room 118B, 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772-9936. Please list the number of cards in your packets that you mail directly to the IAM. Members can also drop the postcard directly into a mailbox. All cards must arrive before December 31, 2009, in order to be hand-delivered on January 4, 2010, which is the NMB's deadline for submitting comments. If you receive signed postcards after December 30, please contact the TCU Legislative and Political Department at 301-840-8704 for further instructions.

Our members can also visit our web site, [www.tcunion.org](http://www.tcunion.org), to print out their own postcard and mail it directly.

This is a very important fight, and the efforts that are put forward by TCU and other unions can make a difference. We count on your cooperation to show that TCU cares. Your assistance in this campaign is very much appreciated.

I am asking you to give this your highest priority and prompt attention.

In solidarity,

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