



# Transportation Communications International Union

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The Honorable Jim Oberstar  
United States House of Representatives  
2365 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2308

Dear Representative Oberstar:

On behalf of the 50,000 hard working men and women of the Transportation Communications Union/IAM, congratulations and best wishes upon the occasion of your retirement from the United States Congress.

Your leadership in Congress has been invaluable to our union and has helped pave the way for historic legislation such as improvements in the Railroad Retirement system that now allows railroad workers to retire with financial security at age 60 with 30 years of service. With your leadership we were able to pass a Rail Safety Bill which makes the railroads a safer place to work.

What sets you apart from other Members of Congress is that you never forgot where you came from or who you represent. You provide a good example of success for other Members of Congress who dream about having a fruitful career working as a public servant. You demonstrate the rewards that can be realized from hard work, dedication, courage and perseverance. When you have the opportunity to reflect on your life and career, I hope that you will believe it was filled with satisfaction because you were able to play a significant role in the history of our great country.

Again, congratulations on your retirement from the United States Congress. I wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Yours truly,

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