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SPECIAL ALERT

TCU CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT OBAMA

TCU President Robert Scardelletti salutes President Obama on his reelection, calling it a profound victory for American workers.

"TCU members across this country worked hard to reelect our President," says Scardelletti. "As railroad workers, they appreciated his unprecedented support for Amtrak and high speed rail, and his commitment to preserve railroad retirement against the real threat posed by the Romney-Ryan team."

TCU committed unprecedented resources to the President's reelection, writing every active and retired member to explain what was at stake. TCU focused on the Ryan Budget's explicit attack on railroad retirement and Romney's pledge to eliminate Amtrak.

"We made it clear it wasn't just Big Bird whose job was on the line," says Scardelletti. "As the union with the largest membership on Amtrak, I know for a fact our Amtrak members, and their freight and commuter brothers and sisters, understood this election was a referendum on their very jobs."

TCU committed full time officers and staff to key battleground states like Ohio, Wisconsin and Virginia, all of which had large numbers of rail workers. "We met with every single member at the workplace", says Scardelletti, "wrote each of them more than once, and coordinated our efforts closely with the massive IAM and AFL-CIO campaigns in those states, not just for the President's election, but for our good friends Sherrod Brown, Tammy Baldwin and Tim Kaine. In Massachusetts, our local representatives worked full bore to educate all rail workers on why we needed Elizabeth Warren's strong voice in the Senate."

"We now look forward to working with the President to see his visionary plans for passenger rail expansion to fruition," concluded Scardelletti.