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Joseph R. Biden
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of 35,000 TCU members, I want to thank you for enacting the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which will have an *immediate material impact* on the lives of our members.

Thanks to your leadership and Democrats in Congress, thousands of unemployed railroaders will have their Unemployment Insurance benefits extended through Labor Day. And by shoring up the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), these railroaders will be able to get their cases heard and processed on-time, instead of waiting weeks or months for claims to get processed.

Thanks to you, thousands of Amtrak and transit employees will be coming back to work and/or protected from furlough. The ARP addresses vaccines, pensions, COBRA subsidies, paid sick leave, housing and our nation's veterans.

In short, this bill is tailor-made to help American workers and their families, and that is a testament to your values and your leadership.

I truly believe that because of the ARP, America is poised to awaken stronger than ever on the heels of the pandemic.

Thank you for putting working people first.

Sincerely,

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