

Statement of Support for Public Ownership of the Railroads

United Steel Workers Local #1527
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The recent train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, devastated the people of the town and surrounding area and brought needed attention to rail safety issues. Trains are a vital part of our infrastructure, transporting goods and people throughout the country every day. Because the rail companies are focused on profit over safety, and governments at all levels have demonstrated that they are willing to accede to rail lobbyists' demands, communities and the railroad workers who have repeatedly sounded the alarm on rail safety remain in jeopardy. As a necessary part of our economic infrastructure, it is imperative that railroads operate safely and place the interests of society and workers ahead of corporate profits. USW Local 1527 therefore joins with many unions and other organizations to stand in solidarity with Railroad Workers United to demand that Congress immediately begin the process of making the railroads publicly owned.

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