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Dear Board Members,

The railroads and industries of this country exist due to their symbiotic relationships to each other. Their networking and cooperation among each other allow each of them to survive & be better and bigger than they would be alone. Together these symbiotic giants have created the American economy and in many ways are now dependent on one another for survival. To allow the greed and will of one to dominate will harm the others and ultimately erode the economy.

Unfortunately, this has already occurred; it's why you find yourselves here today. It seems to me there is only 1 question this proceeding need answer:

Will we continue to allow the railroads to hijack America's economy under the guise of reducing their operating costs (fuel savings & crew reductions -also known as Precision Schedule Railroading)??

As an American citizen & a BNSF conductor, my hope is that your response will be a resounding NO as this will create supply chain issues, job fluctuations, & more expensive goods and services for me at home. At work, Precision Railroading ensures that my trips take much longer without more compensation for that time lost. It also ensures a shortage of crews due to those longer trips & the rest issues ensued by them. The crew shortage amplifies the supply chain issues and the entire symbiotic loop that is the American economy falters.

Respectfully,

Brenda Muth