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RAIL LINE, RESPONSE TO VIA RAIL'S NEW SERVICE REDUCTIONS

Members,

We are dismayed to confirm that the employer has decided to introduce and extend temporary service reductions and layoffs.

The Company is suspending QMO trains 37 and 24 and Corridor Central trains 62, 69, 59 and 48 starting February 2, 2021 and is extending both service reductions in the West between Vancouver and Winnipeg, and the suspension of the Ocean and of the Sleeper Class on the Winnipeg-Churchill route until May 15, 2021.

Unifor is opposed to these new reductions and to the extensions of the existing reductions on the West, Ocean and Winnipeg-Churchill routes.

Passenger rail service is an essential method of transportation in Canada, and Canadians need access to these routes.

Rail workers deliver safe, reliable services with pride throughout every difficult day of the past year, and deserve jobs we can rely on, not more layoffs and cuts.

Affected jobs in Local 100 are the following:

MMC: 27

TMC: 12

Line Points: 2 Montreal Station and 3 Quebec Station.

Affected jobs in Council 4000 are the following:

Agreement 1: 67

Agreement 2 OTS: 20

Unifor is monitoring the situation and will work to ensure that the collective agreement is respected and followed.

Please reach out to your Local or Lodge representatives for further information.

Rail workers must remain united in the face of this new blow from the Company, and rest assured, **your union is not letting VIA off the hook** in conversations at the bargaining table or beyond.

In solidarity,

Scott Doherty, Executive Assistant to the National President

Dave Kissack, President, Council 4000

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