



October 21, 2014

OCT 30 2014

Subject: Teamsters Canada's TV ad on rail safety

Mr. Roy Avis
Mayor of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances ON P9A 3P9

As you may remember, after the Lac-Mégantic disaster, I sent you a letter concerning the rail industry's self-regulation.

In the last few months, the Teamsters have worked tirelessly to improve the safety of rail workers and the Canadian public.

Our latest initiative is an ad campaign broadcast on Sportsnet, TSN, TVA Sports and RDS. The 30-second spots invite the federal government to hire more inspectors to ensure stricter application of rail safety regulations.

You can view the French version at: teamsters.ca/PubRail

The English version is available at: teamsters.ca/RailAd

It appears that the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, has agreed to our request and made a promise on social media to increase the number of inspectors. While we commend her decision, much work remains to be done.

More specifically, there are two other very important issues that must be addressed: the self-regulation and fatigue management.

Once again, it is everyone's responsibility, especially elected officials, to speak out about the problems that exist in the rail industry. We owe it to both the victims of Lac-Mégantic and the Canadian public.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Solidarily,

Robert Bouvier
President
Teamsters Canada