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**Statement of Terry O'Sullivan
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On National Mediation Board Rule Change**

Washington, D.C. (May 11, 2010) – Terry O'Sullivan, General President of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – made the following statement regarding the National Mediation Board rule change which allows transportation workers to form a union if a majority of workers vote in favor:

Workers who operate our transportation systems have long been disadvantaged in their efforts to form a union by the National Mediation Board rule which required support from a majority of workers employed, rather than a majority of workers casting ballots. By that standard, virtually no candidate for public office in America could ever win an election.

Changing the rule to a majority of workers voting will help transportation workers – many of them who work beside LIUNA members in rail maintenance – improve their lives.

The rule change, made possible by the Obama Administration's appointment of Linda Puchala to the National Mediation Board, is another example of day-in, day-out efforts by the President to do everything he can to improve the lives of working people, get our economy back on track and rebuild the nation's middle class.

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The half-million members of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers who are proud to build America.