

# TAMMY BALDWIN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR **IBEW MEMBERS**



## RAILROAD

- » East Palestine incident was devastating...Baldwin acted quickly
- » Baldwin seized the opportunity to ensure rail safety for IBEW railroaders
- » Cosponsored the Railway Safety Act of 2023
  - Enhances safety procedures including:
    - New requirements for all trains carrying hazardous materials (not just high-hazard flammables)
    - Emergency response plans and advance notifications
  - Prevents wheel bearing failures including updates to FRA regulations for inspections
  - Mandates 2-person crews
  - Increased penalties for safety violations including:
    - Raises max fine for violations
    - Support for impacted communities

- Investment in safety improvements
  - Allocates \$27 million for research and development
- Requires qualified mechanical inspectors to perform routine inspections, which secures IBEW work
  - Ensure locomotive inspectors have the appropriate training and skills

### » Fighting for unemployment benefits for IBEW railroaders

- Cosponsored common sense, bipartisan REEF Act that:
  - Aims to permanently exempt railroad unemployment insurance account payments from sequestration (automatic spending reductions for budget reasons)
  - Will protect railroad unemployment and sickness benefits that IBEW railroaders have been deprived of for a decade

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