

SHERROD BROWN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR **IBEW MEMBERS**



RAILROAD

»»» East Palestine incident was devastating...Brown acted quickly

»»» Brown seized the opportunity to ensure rail safety for IBEW railroaders

»»» Introduced 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 workers have been deprived of for a decade



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