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Dear Representative Brand and Senator McEwen,

Thank you for offering HF1272/SF1417, a bill that would require two person crews on trains in Minnesota that are carrying freight. Teamsters Local 120 members support this legislation and are hopeful it will advance in 2023.

Growing train length and significantly more flammable and/or hazardous substances carried on cars is increasing safety concerns. For the safety of communities and their residents it is imperative that trains have two crewmembers.

In the unfortunate event of rail crossing collisions or train derailments involving hazardous materials, it is vital to have two crew members on site. This is important for emergency responders and police in cities and towns.

Teamsters local 120 is proud to stand with the men and women of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainman/Teamsters in support of HF 1272 and SF 1417. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you and advancing this legislation.

Sincerely,



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