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## Unifor Issues 72 Hour Notice to VIA Rail

Greetings:

All three Unifor bargaining committees have been engaged in contract negotiations with VIA Rail this week in Gatineau Quebec.

The Unifor Master Bargaining Committees, in consultation with the National union, issued strike notice to VIA Rail late last night. It is required by law, to ensure that our strike deadline of **Monday, June 13 at 00:01 hours ET** is in place. This means that we will either have a collective agreement, subject to ratification, or we will be on strike as of that time.

Unifor members at VIA Rail have sent the company a strong message with the strike vote of 96 per cent in each of Agreement #1, #2 and #3. Our members are frustrated and your elected bargaining committees have been working diligently to address those work life issues that affect our members on a daily basis.

Issuing strike notice is serious step, demonstrating the bargaining committee's solid commitment to reaching a settlement on behalf of our members. Strike captains are in place in every location and they will continue to make preparations in case we do need to exercise our right to strike.

It is critically important that members in each location across the country remain on the job until the strike deadline. Any action anywhere across the country in advance of the deadline will undoubtedly lead to the collapse of negotiations. The bargaining committee requests your full support and co-operation.

We want to underscore again not to listen to rumours or innuendos and we will be communicating to our members on the ongoing status of bargaining. If you have not already done so, please sign up for RailLine by sending your email address to [rail@unifor.org](mailto:rail@unifor.org) and follow us on twitter at @Unifor\_RailLine. We will be communicating with the membership and workplace leadership as much as possible as we get closer to the deadline of **Monday, June 13 at 00:01 hours ET**. We appreciate the members' full support as we continue with this difficult set of negotiations.

In solidarity

Local 100 and National Council 4000 Bargaining Committees

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