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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Proposed Regulation of Locomotive Remote Control Operation in Washington

On behalf of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and our over 435,000 affiliated members, I strongly urge you to adopt WAC 480-62-320, the proposed regulations for addressing the safety issues associated with LRC technology by Washington railroads.

By adopting these regulations, the WUTC will be taking a progressive approach to mitigating a serious safety hazard to our state's citizens. We realize that this will be the first such regulatory oversight in the nation, and we applaud the Commission's foresight in promulgating this groundbreaking public protection.

Sincerely,

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