

## BMWED Response To UTU False Postings

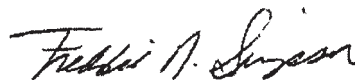
**R**ecent web postings and leaflets from the UTU denounce the “naysayers” that criticize the United Transportation Union’s tentative agreement with the Freight Carriers. Implicit in the criticism is that the “naysayers” won’t identify themselves and are spreading half-truths about the tentative agreement.

The purpose of this letter is to again identify one of the “naysayers” to the UTU tentative agreement – it is us, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. To pretend to have missed that fact is dishonest. Each piece of material that has been distributed was accompanied by a cover letter carrying my signature and our letterhead. All of the material, including the power point presentation is plastered all over our website ([www.bmwed.org](http://www.bmwed.org)). I have personally authorized the distribution of the mass of factual material regarding the UTU tentative agreement to BMWED members so that they will be educated regarding the shortcomings of the UTU tentative agreement. I have also encouraged rank and file BMWED members to discuss the UTU tentative agreement with UTU rank and file members as Union brothers and sisters.

There are no cowards within the BMWED and the information we have distributed is honest and accurate. Therefore, since the UTU International challenges the “naysayers,” I offer the following challenge to the UTU leadership. We will meet at any place at any time, will pay for the meeting hall, and we will engage in a factual discussion of the UTU tentative agreement before a gathering of both UTU and BMWED rank and file members. I would propose we each provide a panel of three.

I hope the UTU leadership accepts this challenge, because we believe strongly that our factual analysis of the tentative agreement is correct.

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