

# BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN

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Chairman Evan P. Shanley  
House State Government and Elections Committee  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H 8296 TESTIMONY

Representative Shanley, and members of the Committee,

Several years ago, a young female engineer struck an 18-year-old female trespasser making a TikTok video, using the approaching train as a backdrop. The intoxicated trespasser was subsequently killed. When family and friends of the deceased got the engineer's personal information, they began to harass her. They vandalized her home, wrote "murderer" on her vehicle, and viciously attacked her on social media. The engineer, nearing the end of her lease, moved to a temporary location while attempting to purchase a home. During this time, I was able to secure a spot in the Address Confidentiality Program in Massachusetts. This program, administered by the Secretary of State, is usually reserved for victims of domestic violence, but an exception had been made to allow her in the program. Fortunately, when the engineer moved to temporary housing, the harassment stopped. She purchased a home and decided not to enter the program. While I applaud her outcome, it is not the norm. If she were not in a transitional phase of housing, she would have continued to endure the harassment.

This is the most recent incident of its kind, but train crews have been harassed countless times over the years after being unwittingly involved in accidents and suicide attempts. We do not come to work to partake in these events, we suffer irreparable harm because of them. We should not be cast out to the public for further abuse, in the wake of them. Nothing is done by the railroads on behalf of the train crews, railroads never push back on grieving families when they are attacked in the media. They are faceless corporations; I am an individual with a family and a home address.

The spirit of this legislation is to redact the names of the train crew involved, from the public. These names are recorded for posterity and will be accessible to the proper parties that need them, not the bad actors that want them!

Sincerely,  
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