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To the Members of the BLET

Disparate Treatment of the Railroad

(The following information is derived from MOA's received by Railroad Unions)

Current Round of Bargaining – The contract that SEPTA provided to the City Transit Division employees is far more lucrative than what it is offering to the Railroad Division employees. See below:

- The changes SEPTA agreed to in the current agreement with the City Transit Division (CTD) employees provided the CTD with a greatly enhanced change to the method of payments for pension and health care.
 1. SEPTA agreed to change the amount of money the CTD paid weekly into their private pension. SEPTA eliminated the weekly **3 ½ %** (average weekly cost was **\$46** per week) to a flat rate of **\$50** per week in exchange for a **\$500** monthly increase in their pension.
 2. SEPTA agreed to change the weekly health care contribution rate from 1% to 2.5 %.

The above 2 changes represent a great deal for the CTD employees who eliminated a 3.5 % percent contribution to private pensions in exchange for a 2.5 % percent contribution to health care and received a \$500 increase in their private pension.

More information about the disparities will follow