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The Honorable Delores Kelley and  
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**RE: SB434**

As State Legislative Director for the Transportation Division of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Worker's I am urging your committee to **support SB434**, "Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Heat Stress Standards."

Our organization represents railroad workers who are employed by CSX, Norfolk Southern Railroad, Canton Railroad, MARC and Amtrak commuter services. Many of our members work outside in all seasons of weather and many times up to 12 hours per day.

With the expectation of temperatures to increase dramatically over the next few decades the state needs to take preventive measures in protecting workers from the effects of occupational exposure to excessive heat.

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations that include standards of heat stress levels and to ensure that all employers comply with the requirements is a reasonable solution to this foreseen problem in the workplace.

Having employers develop, implement, and maintain an excessive heat-related illness prevention plan for their employees should be a commonsense practice in the prevention of a possible serious medical condition attributable to this type of exposure.

We urge a favorable report on SB434.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry", written in black ink.

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