

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Megan Raebel and I am a career employee with BNSF Railway out of Klamath Falls, Oregon. I have been with the company for 23 years 22 of that as a Locomotive Engineer. I am writing this letter in response to the topic of maintaining two man crews on freight trains. There are so many reasons as to why this must be, safety being first and foremost. As I am sure you know we work in an industry that runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and there is unfortunately no exact science linked to figuring out just exactly when trains will run. Throw in Mother Nature, life issues and other possible circumstances such as manpower and you have a recipe for disaster meaning there are many times when crews rely on one another to keep our heads in the game so to speak! We are our brothers/sisters keeper! Two sets of eyes focusing on the task at hand are always safer! PERIOD!!! Then let's talk about what if there are issues with the train mechanically (yes this happens often) how can it be expected for one employee to be in two places at the same time? There are so many things that could go wrong, for example what if the employee gets hurt and is out there all alone? What if (God forbid) they suffer a heart attack or stroke? The list goes on... ..my point is there is safety in numbers and I feel very strongly that reducing the crew size from 2 employees to 1 is putting not only us but the folks that live in the communities that these trains travel through in danger.

The railroad is an ever changing, constantly evolving industry. Believe me I have seen many changes in my time spent out here and generally speaking we do our best to adapt and overcome as many things we ultimately have no say in, however this is one area that we CANNOT afford to roll with the punches!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you need to follow up. My email is [knutmeg14@yahoo.com](mailto:knutmeg14@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,  
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