



**ILLINOIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**METRA AND TWO-PERSON  
CREW SURVEY**

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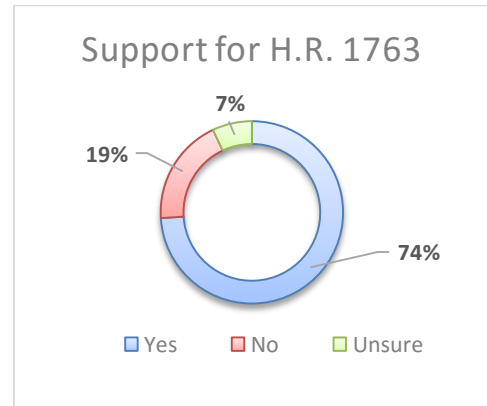
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## Executive Summary

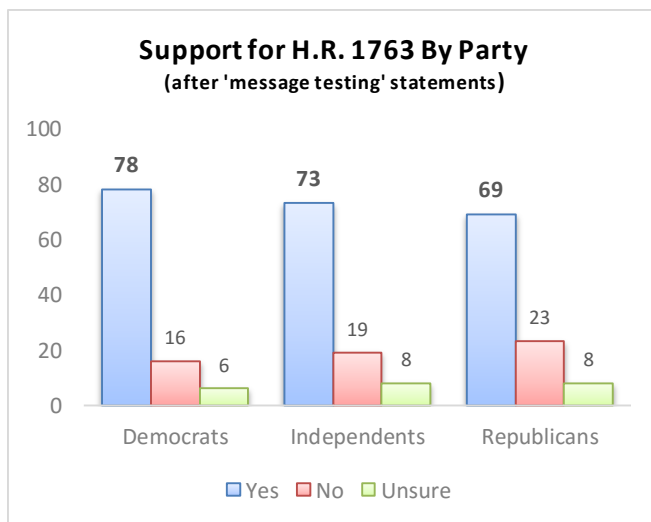
General Election voters in Illinois' 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District strongly support legislation (introduced as H.R. 1763 by Republican Congressman Don Young of Alaska) which would require a crew of two individuals to operate any freight train in the United States; 74 percent of district voter's support H.R. 1763, to only 19 percent opposed. This strong support level is after presenting 'only' rail management arguments on why to reject two-person crew legislation. The survey was conducted between February 1-9, consisting of 356 random district likely voters using both landline and cell phones.

Respondents were also asked about Metra, train derailment concerns, and message testing of commonly used arguments by rail management on two-person crew legislation.

After the initial test for support levels of two-person crew legislation (88 percent in support of H.R. 1763), respondents were presented arguments commonly used against two-person crew legislation, and asked if the position is 'convincing' or 'not that convincing'. Key findings include:



- The initial test shows that 73 percent of district voters are 'not that worried' about a train derailment in their community; this number drops 54 percentage points to just 19 percent 'not that worried' after informed that current freight trains are operated by a crew of two, and that some railroads want to reduce the crew to one-person. (see questions 16 through 19)
- Statements against passage of two-person crew legislation are from a 2013 letter from the American Association of Railroads (AAR) to members of Congress and some position statements from a major railroad. All of the arguments fall flat with the public. Even the strongest, "commuter rail operates thousands of trains a day with one person in the locomotive, and the data going back to the 1970s shows an excellent safety record" was found 'convincing' by just 31 percent. (question 22b)



After hearing arguments against passage of H.R. 1763, just 19 percent are convinced that federal legislation is not needed. Research data indicates that two-person crew legislation is not a wedge issue to district voters; support levels vary little between self-identified Republicans (69 percent) and those who identify as Democrats (78 percent).

In conclusion, no matter who you are, where you live, or what your partisan inclinations, Illinois 8<sup>th</sup> District voters support passage of federal legislation requiring a crew of two on all freight trains.

## **Methodology**

The results presented are based on a random sample of 356 likely 2016 General Election voters in Illinois 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. All calls conducted by live callers using both landline and cell phones.

Numbers were selected at random using a skip pattern to guarantee interviews were distributed throughout the region. Each number in the sample had the same non-zero chance of being selected for an interview.

Telephone interviews were conducted by trained staff of Stone Research Services of Indianapolis, Indiana, using a computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) system for landline phones. Cell phone interviews are dialed manually to comply with the 1991 Telemarketing Consumer Protection Act. To ensure everyone in the household would have an equal chance of being selected, callers would ask to interview the resident over the age of 18 who had the most recent birthday.

Final results are weighted based on expected General Election turnout using 2008 and 2012 as a guide. Results weighted on gender, age, race, and education to conform to the approximate voter population based on U.S. Census Bureau data and past voter turnout demographics.

The final results presented are subject to sampling error, which is the difference between results obtained from the survey and those that would be obtained if every adult was interviewed in the district. The margin of error, is  $\pm 5.2$  percentage points with a 95 percent confidence level; meaning that in 19 out of 20 times, the individual responses would be within the margin of error (confidence interval). For example, if a final result of a question resulted in an answer of 50 percent, the confidence interval would be between 44.8 to 55.2 percent. Where appropriate in the survey, question and answer choices are randomized to help reduce bias; due to rounding, numbers may not equal 100 percent; question numbers are pre-set due to same questions being asked on multiple surveys, which could result in number skips on final report.

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# **Topline**

**Interviews:** 356 respondents who indicated that they would vote in the 2016 General Election.  
**Margin of Error:** ± 5.2 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence level.  
**Interview Dates:** February 1-9; Call Center Stone Research Services from Indianapolis, Indiana.  
**Sample:** Landline and cell phone sample. Random digit numbers provided by Survey Sample International (SSI) of Fairfield, CT. SSI provided Stone Research with 6,675 residential random phone numbers and 3,075 Hispanic households numbers from a pool of listed and unlisted numbers in the boundary area and 2,500 cell phone numbers.  
**Survey Sponsor:** SMART Transportation Division’s Illinois State Legislative Board.

**Q1:** Generally speaking, do you think the country is moving in the right direction, or is the country off on the wrong track?

Right Direction .....	<b>29%</b>
Wrong Track .....	<b>57</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>14</b>

**Q2:** And generally speaking, do you think Illinois is moving in the right direction, or is Illinois off on the wrong track?

Right Direction .....	<b>15%</b>
Wrong Track .....	<b>76</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>9</b>

**Q3:** I’m now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Neutral (VOL)</u>	<u>Never Heard Of</u>
A – Barack Obama	<b>55%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
B – Dick Durbin	<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
C – Mark Kirk	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
D – Bruce Rauner	<b>35</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>
E – Tammy Duckworth	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
F – Donald Trump	<b>29</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
G – Ted Cruz	<b>25</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>
H – Hillary Clinton	<b>43</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
I – Bernie Sanders	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>

**Q8a:** Now let's look ahead to the 2016 general election. If the election was held today for U.S. President, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Hillary Clinton .....	<b>54%</b>
Donald Trump .....	<b>36</b>
(VOL) Other .....	<b>3</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>7</b>

**Q8b:** Now suppose the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Hillary Clinton .....	<b>49%</b>
Marco Rubio .....	<b>40</b>
(VOL) Other .....	<b>2</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>9</b>

**Q9:** And in the race for U.S. Senate. If the election was held today and the candidates were Tammy Duckworth the Democrat and Mark Kirk the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Tammy Duckworth .....	<b>52%</b>
Mark Kirk .....	<b>40</b>
(VOL) Other .....	<b>2</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>6</b>

**Q10:** I'm now going to read you some additional names, for each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Neutral (VOL)</u>	<u>Never Heard Of</u>
A – Amtrak	<b>73%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>
B – METRA	<b>76</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
C – Freight Railroads, like Union Pacific	<b>66</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>
D – Transporting Crude Oil by Rail	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>
E – Labor Unions	<b>55</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
F – Chamber of Commerce	<b>60</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>
G – the NRA	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>
H – Planned Parenthood	<b>62</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

**Q11:** Now thinking about Northeastern Illinois' transportation infrastructure – including roads, highways, bridges, rail, air, and public transportation – how would you rate it?

Excellent .....	<b>3%</b>
Good .....	<b>25</b>
Satisfactory .....	<b>36</b>
Poor .....	<b>24</b>
Failing .....	<b>11</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>2</b>

**Q12:** And when it comes to spending on transportation needs here in Northeastern Illinois, do you think the government spends too much, about the right amount, or not enough on transportation needs.

Too Much .....	<b>13%</b>
About Right .....	<b>23</b>
Not Enough .....	<b>55</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>9</b>

**Q13:** I now want to ask a few questions about Metra. Thinking back the past year or so, which best fits your use of Metra?

Never .....	<b>30%</b>
For Special Events Only .....	<b>50</b>
Once or Twice a Month .....	<b>12</b>
Once or Twice a Week .....	<b>3</b>
Pretty Much Every Day .....	<b>5</b>

**Q14a:** And how would you rate the job performance of Metra's conductors and ticket collectors? (Metra riders for Q14a, b, and 15; N=248; MoE ± 6.2%pts)

Excellent .....	<b>37%</b>
Good .....	<b>51</b>
Fair .....	<b>7</b>
Poor .....	<b>2</b>
Failing .....	<b>0</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>2</b>

**Q14b:** And how would you rate Metra overall?

Excellent .....	<b>22%</b>
Good .....	<b>62</b>
Fair .....	<b>11</b>
Poor .....	<b>3</b>
Failing .....	<b>0</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>1</b>

**Q15:** And how safe and secure do you feel when riding a Metra train?

Very Safe and Secure .....	<b>27%</b>
Safe and Secure .....	<b>44</b>
Just Somewhat Safe and Secure .....	<b>23</b>
Not that Safe and Secure .....	<b>4</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>1</b>

**Now turning to some other rail issues**

**Q16:** How worried are you about a freight train derailing in your community?

Very Worried .....	4%
Fairly Worried .....	6
Just Somewhat Worried .....	17
Not that Worried .....	73

**Q17:** Based on what you know, how many people do you think operate a freight train that travels through Illinois?

One .....	8%
Two .....	25
Three .....	22
Four or More .....	31
Don't Know .....	14

**Currently most freight trains in Illinois operate with a crew of two people; but there are efforts by some railroads to reduce the crew to just one person on some trains.**

**Q18:** When it comes to railroad safety and operations, do you think a train with a crew of one individual can be operated as safe as a train with a crew of two individuals?

Yes, one operator can be as safe as two .....	6%
No, one operator cannot be as safe .....	92
(VOL) Unsure .....	2

**Q19:** Now let's suppose freight trains in your area operated with only a crew of one, now how worried would you be about a freight train derailing in your community?

Very Worried .....	31%
Fairly Worried .....	26
Just Somewhat Worried .....	25
Not that Worried .....	19

**Q20:** Some in Congress want to enact a federal law, known as H.R. 1763, the Safe Freight Act, and if passed would require all freight trains in the United States to operate with a crew of two. Suppose you could vote on the federal law. Would you vote YES to pass H.R. 1763 or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 1763.

Yes, Pass .....	88%
No, Reject .....	7
(VOL) Unsure .....	5

**Survey Methodology: Only statements against passage of H.R. 1763 are tested after the initial support test. Rail labor statements in favor of two-person crew are not tested in this survey.**

**Q22:** I now want to read you a few reasons why some DO NOT want to see H.R. 1763 requiring a crew of two on all freight trains to become law. For each reason, tell me if you find it a convincing or not that convincing reason to NOT PASS H.R. 1763:

**Q22a:** Train crew size is addressed in the collective bargaining process between rail management and rail labor, and a law is not needed.

Convincing .....	<b>10%</b>
Not That Convincing .....	<b>81</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>9</b>

**Q22b:** Commuter rail operates thousands of trains a day with one person in the locomotive, and the data going back to the 1970s shows an excellent safety record.

Convincing .....	<b>31%</b>
Not That Convincing .....	<b>64</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>6</b>

**Q22c:** If two-person train crew legislation passes, it will hinder investment and implementation of safe, cost-saving technology like Positive Train Control, which is advanced technology designed to automatically stop a train before certain types of accidents.

Convincing .....	<b>30%</b>
Not That Convincing .....	<b>62</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>8</b>

**Q23:** Now considering everything you just heard about H.R. 1763, The Safe Freight Act. If you could vote on this federal legislation once again, would you vote YES to pass H.R. 1763 or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 1763.

Yes, Pass .....	<b>74%</b>
No, Reject .....	<b>19</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>7</b>

**Q24a:** Currently the Railroads are required by law to implement advanced technology -- known at Positive Train Control -- which is designed to make railroads safer and stop a train before certain type of accidents. Generally speaking, do you think Positive Train Control will improve rail safety?

Yes.....	<b>82%</b>
No .....	<b>10</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>8</b>

**Q24b:** When it comes to rail safety, train crew size and the latest rail technology, which option makes the most sense to you?

Only two-person crew, no advanced rail technology .....	<b>2</b>
Two person crew, using advanced rail technology .....	<b>74</b>
Advanced rail technology as replacement of a train crew member ..	<b>6</b>
Let railroads and rail unions decide which option is safest .....	<b>12</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>6</b>



**Q24c:** Based on what you know, do you trust advanced rail technology as a replacement of a train crew member?

Yes.....	<b>16%</b>
No .....	<b>75</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>9</b>

**Q25:** Now thinking about everything we talked about, suppose a candidate running for office supported or sponsored legislation requiring two individuals on all freight trains; come election time, would you be more likely to support that candidate, less likely to support that candidate, or would not make a difference when it comes to your support?

More Likely .....	<b>34%</b>
Less Likely .....	<b>3</b>
No Difference .....	<b>63</b>

## Select Key Crosstabs

**Q1:** Generally speaking, do you think the country is moving in the right direction, or is the country off on the wrong track?

Right Direction .....	<b>29%</b>
Wrong Track .....	<b>57</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>14</b>

<u>Gender</u>	<u>RD</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
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Men	29%	55	15
Women	29	59	12

<u>Age</u>			
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18-39	32	54	14
40-64	27	61	12
65 plus	29	55	16

<u>Education</u>			
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High School	21	64	15
Some College	28	55	18
College Degree	37	53	10

<u>Race</u>			
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White / Caucasian	25	62	14
All Others	42	44	14

<u>Party Identification</u>			
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Democrat	50	34	16
Independent	22	64	14
Republican	9	80	10

**Q2:** And generally speaking, do you think Illinois is moving in the right direction, or is Illinois off on the wrong track?

Right Direction .....	<b>15%</b>
Wrong Track .....	<b>76</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>9</b>

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>RD</u></b>	<b><u>WT</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
Men	16%	75	9
Women	15	76	9
<b><u>Age</u></b>			
18-39	22	64	14
40-64	10	86	3
65 plus	16	72	12
<b><u>Education</u></b>			
High School	17	71	12
Some College	16	77	7
College Degree	14	79	7
<b><u>Race</u></b>			
White / Caucasian	15	77	8
All Others	18	71	11
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>			
Democrat	16	73	11
Independent	13	78	8
Republican	18	76	6

**Q3a:** I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Barack Obama**

Favorable .....	<b>55%</b>
Unfavorable .....	<b>41</b>
(VOL) Neutral .....	<b>4</b>
Never Heard Of .....	<b>0</b>

<u><b>Gender</b></u>	<u><b>Favorable</b></u>	<u><b>Unfavorable</b></u>	<u><b>Neutral</b></u>	<u><b>NHO</b></u>
Men	50%	46	4	0
Women	59	36	5	0
<u><b>Age</b></u>				
18-39	58	36	6	0
40-64	52	45	3	0
65 plus	55	41	4	0
<u><b>Education</b></u>				
High School	48	45	7	0
Some College	54	41	5	0
College Degree	61	38	2	0
<u><b>Race</b></u>				
White / Caucasian	46	48	6	0
All Others	78	20	2	0
<u><b>Party Identification</b></u>				
Democrat	92	6	2	0
Independent	48	47	5	0
Republican	10	84	6	0

**Q3c:** I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Mark Kirk**

Favorable .....	<b>40%</b>
Unfavorable .....	<b>34</b>
(VOL) Neutral .....	<b>12</b>
Never Heard Of .....	<b>13</b>

<u><b>Gender</b></u>	<u><b>Favorable</b></u>	<u><b>Unfavorable</b></u>	<u><b>Neutral</b></u>	<u><b>NHO</b></u>
Men	36%	42	8	14
Women	44	27	16	13
<u><b>Age</b></u>				
18-39	38	28	12	22
40-64	40	37	14	8
65 plus	41	39	5	14
<u><b>Education</b></u>				
High School	48	27	14	10
Some College	33	35	13	19
College Degree	39	40	9	12
<u><b>Race</b></u>				
White / Caucasian	43	35	13	9
All Others	34	31	10	25
<u><b>Party Identification</b></u>				
Democrat	34	42	5	19
Independent	48	27	14	11
Republican	38	33	20	9

**Q3d:** I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Bruce Rauner**

Favorable .....	<b>35%</b>
Unfavorable .....	<b>47</b>
(VOL) Neutral .....	<b>11</b>
Never Heard Of .....	<b>7</b>

<u><b>Gender</b></u>	<u><b>Favorable</b></u>	<u><b>Unfavorable</b></u>	<u><b>Neutral</b></u>	<u><b>NHO</b></u>
Men	44%	38	10	9
Women	27	56	13	4
<u><b>Age</b></u>				
18-39	35	40	13	11
40-64	34	51	10	4
65 plus	41	48	8	3
<u><b>Education</b></u>				
High School	27	52	13	8
Some College	32	52	10	7
College Degree	45	39	11	5
<u><b>Race</b></u>				
White / Caucasian	39	46	10	5
All Others	25	50	15	10
<u><b>Party Identification</b></u>				
Democrat	16	65	11	9
Independent	34	47	13	6
Republican	66	21	9	4

**Q3e:** I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Tammy Duckworth**

Favorable .....	<b>51%</b>
Unfavorable .....	<b>32</b>
(VOL) Neutral .....	<b>9</b>
Never Heard Of .....	<b>9</b>

<u><b>Gender</b></u>	<u><b>Favorable</b></u>	<u><b>Unfavorable</b></u>	<u><b>Neutral</b></u>	<u><b>NHO</b></u>
Men	41%	38	9	12
Women	59	26	9	6
<u><b>Age</b></u>				
18-39	38	3	12	18
40-64	54	34	8	4
65 plus	60	31	4	4
<u><b>Education</b></u>				
High School	45	31	11	13
Some College	48	33	9	10
College Degree	57	32	7	4
<u><b>Race</b></u>				
White / Caucasian	50	35	8	7
All Others	51	25	11	13
<u><b>Party Identification</b></u>				
Democrat	71	10	7	12
Independent	51	30	12	7
Republican	18	69	7	6

**Q9:** And in the race for U.S. Senate. If the election was held today and the candidates were Tammy Duckworth the Democrat and Mark Kirk the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Tammy Duckworth ..... **52%**  
 Mark Kirk ..... **40**  
 (VOL) Other ..... **2**  
 (VOL) Unsure ..... **6**

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Duckworth</u></b>	<b><u>Kirk</u></b>	<b><u>Other</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
Men	47%	43	4	6
Women	56	37	1	6
<b><u>Age</u></b>				
18-39	48	43	2	7
40-64	51	41	2	5
65 plus	56	36	2	6
<b><u>Education</u></b>				
High School	48	42	2	9
Some College	51	42	4	4
College Degree	56	37	2	5
<b><u>Race</u></b>				
White / Caucasian	48	45	2	6
All Others	63	28	2	7
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>				
Democrat	84	12	0	5
Independent	48	40	5	7
Republican	10	83	1	6



**Q10b:** I'm now going to read you some additional names, for each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Metra**

Favorable .....	<b>76%</b>
Unfavorable .....	<b>11</b>
(VOL) Neutral .....	<b>9</b>
Never Heard Of .....	<b>5</b>

<u><b>Gender</b></u>	<u><b>Favorable</b></u>	<u><b>Unfavorable</b></u>	<u><b>Neutral</b></u>	<u><b>NHO</b></u>
Men	77%	15	5	2
Women	75	7	12	7
<u><b>Age</b></u>				
18-39	84	11	6	0
40-64	78	11	6	5
65 plus	63	11	17	9
<u><b>Education</b></u>				
High School	71	12	10	7
Some College	72	12	11	4
College Degree	83	9	6	2
<u><b>Race</b></u>				
White / Caucasian	76	10	9	4
All Others	76	12	6	6
<u><b>Party Identification</b></u>				
Democrat	84	6	5	5
Independent	75	12	10	3
Republican	66	16	13	6

**Q10e:** I'm now going to read you some additional names, for each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Labor Unions**

Favorable .....	<b>55%</b>
Unfavorable .....	<b>33</b>
(VOL) Neutral .....	<b>10</b>
Never Heard Of .....	<b>2</b>

<u><b>Gender</b></u>	<u><b>Favorable</b></u>	<u><b>Unfavorable</b></u>	<u><b>Neutral</b></u>	<u><b>NHO</b></u>
Men	53%	38	8	1
Women	57	30	11	3
<u><b>Age</b></u>				
18-39	57	32	9	2
40-64	55	34	9	2
65 plus	52	34	12	3
<u><b>Education</b></u>				
High School	60	28	8	4
Some College	55	29	13	2
College Degree	50	41	8	1
<u><b>Race</b></u>				
White / Caucasian	52	38	9	1
All Others	63	20	12	6
<u><b>Party Identification</b></u>				
Democrat	77	12	7	3
Independent	47	39	13	2
Republican	36	56	8	0

**Q14a:** And how would you rate the job performance of Metra’s conductors and ticket collectors? (Metra riders for Q14a, b, and 15; N=248; MoE ± 6.2%pts)

Excellent .....	<b>37%</b>
Good .....	<b>51</b>
Fair .....	<b>7</b>
Poor .....	<b>2</b>
Failing .....	<b>0</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>2</b>

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Excellent</u></b>	<b><u>Good</u></b>	<b><u>Fair</u></b>	<b><u>Poor</u></b>	<b><u>Failing</u></b>
Men	36%	46	11	4	0
Women	37	55	4	1	1
<b><u>Age</u></b>					
18-39	38	44	11	5	0
40-64	33	59	5	2	1
65 plus	45	39	8	0	0
<b><u>Education</u></b>					
High School	24	60	4	4	0
Some College	39	49	6	2	1
College Degree	40	48	10	2	0
<b><u>Race</u></b>					
White / Caucasian	38	51	6	1	0
All Others	31	49	13	7	0
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>					
Democrat	40	48	7	4	0
Independent	34	51	9	2	0
Republican	36	55	5	0	2

**Q14b:** And how would you rate Metra overall? (Metra riders for Q14a, b, and 15; N=248; MoE ± 6.2%pts)

Excellent .....	<b>22%</b>
Good .....	<b>62</b>
Fair .....	<b>11</b>
Poor .....	<b>3</b>
Failing .....	<b>0</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>1</b>

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Excellent</u></b>	<b><u>Good</u></b>	<b><u>Fair</u></b>	<b><u>Poor</u></b>	<b><u>Failing</u></b>
Men	19%	60	16	2	1
Women	24	65	7	3	0
<b><u>Age</u></b>					
18-39	20	57	15	6	1
40-64	23	65	10	1	0
65 plus	21	64	10	2	0
<b><u>Education</u></b>					
High School	20	60	7	7	2
Some College	25	61	11	3	0
College Degree	20	65	13	1	0
<b><u>Race</u></b>					
White / Caucasian	22	63	11	1	0
All Others	20	58	13	9	0
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>					
Democrat	23	64	6	4	0
Independent	19	64	14	2	1
Republican	25	56	16	2	0

**Q15:** And how safe and secure do you feel when riding a Metra train? (Metra riders for Q14a, b, and 15; N=248; MoE  $\pm$  6.2%pts)

Very Safe and Secure .....	<b>27%</b>
Safe and Secure .....	<b>44</b>
Just Somewhat Safe and Secure .....	<b>23</b>
Not that Safe and Secure .....	<b>4</b>
(VOL) Unsure .....	<b>1</b>

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Very Safe</u></b>	<b><u>Safe</u></b>	<b><u>Somewhat</u></b>	<b><u>Not Safe</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
Men	28%	47	22	2	1
Women	26	42	24	6	2
<b><u>Age</u></b>					
18-39	30	48	20	2	0
40-64	25	45	25	5	0
65 plus	28	36	24	7	4
<b><u>Education</u></b>					
High School	16	47	33	4	0
Some College	29	45	21	3	1
College Degree	30	42	20	5	2
<b><u>Race</u></b>					
White / Caucasian	29	42	22	5	1
All Others	18	53	27	2	0
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>					
Democrat	34	46	14	3	2
Independent	23	43	28	5	1
Republican	24	44	27	5	0

**Q16:** How worried are you about a train derailling in your community?

Very Worried .....	<b>4%</b>
Fairly Worried .....	<b>6</b>
Just Somewhat Worried .....	<b>17</b>
Not that Worried .....	<b>73</b>

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Very</u></b>	<b><u>Fairly</u></b>	<b><u>Just Somewhat</u></b>	<b><u>Not That</u></b>
Men	4%	6	15	75
Women	5	7	18	71
<b><u>Age</u></b>				
18-39	7	6	18	69
40-64	2	8	14	75
65 plus	4	3	21	73
<b><u>Education</u></b>				
High School	6	7	17	69
Some College	8	6	18	74
College Degree	4	6	15	75
<b><u>Race</u></b>				
White / Caucasian	4	5	16	76
All Others	6	11	19	65
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>				
Democrat	6	11	20	64
Independent	2	4	16	78
Republican	6	3	13	78

**Q19:** Now let's suppose freight trains in your area operated with only a crew of one, now how worried would you be about a train derailling in your community?

Very Worried ..... **31%**  
 Fairly Worried ..... **26**  
 Just Somewhat Worried ..... **25**  
 Not that Worried ..... **19**

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Very</u></b>	<b><u>Fairly</u></b>	<b><u>Just Somewhat</u></b>	<b><u>Not That</u></b>
Men	30%	23	24	24
Women	31	28	26	15
<b><u>Age</u></b>				
18-39	24	33	25	18
40-64	36	21	25	18
65 plus	31	24	24	20
<b><u>Education</u></b>				
High School	42	23	18	17
Some College	27	26	30	17
College Degree	23	28	27	22
<b><u>Race</u></b>				
White / Caucasian	29	29	23	19
All Others	35	16	29	20
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>				
Democrat	33	26	26	15
Independent	26	27	25	22
Republican	34	23	22	21

**Q20:** Some in Congress want to enact a federal law, known as H.R. 1763, the Safe Freight Act, and if passed would require all freight trains in the United States to operate with a crew of two. Suppose you could vote on the federal law. Would you vote YES to pass H.R. 1763 or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 1763.

Yes, Pass ..... **88%**  
 No, Reject ..... **7**  
 (VOL) Unsure ..... **5**

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Reject</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
Men	83%	11	6
Women	94	3	3
<b><u>Age</u></b>			
18-39	87	8	5
40-64	91	7	3
65 plus	84	9	7
<b><u>Education</u></b>			
High School	85	9	6
Some College	93	5	3
College Degree	89	7	4
<b><u>Race</u></b>			
White / Caucasian	90	7	4
All Others	85	9	6
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>			
Democrat	90	6	5
Independent	88	7	6
Republican	89	10	1



**Q23:** Now considering everything you just heard about H.R. 1763, The Safe Freight Act. If you could vote on this federal legislation once again, would you vote YES to pass H.R. 1763 or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 1763.

Yes, Pass ..... **74%**  
 No, Reject ..... **19**  
 (VOL) Unsure ..... **7**

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Pass</u></b>	<b><u>Reject</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
Men	66%	27	7
Women	81	11	7

<b><u>Age</u></b>			
18-39	76	18	6
40-64	75	18	6
65 plus	67	23	10

<b><u>Education</u></b>			
High School	72	20	8
Some College	72	22	6
College Degree	77	16	7

<b><u>Race</u></b>			
White / Caucasian	78	18	4
All Others	63	23	15

<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>			
Democrat	78	16	6
Independent	73	19	8
Republican	69	23	8

**Q24c:** Based on what you know, do you trust advanced rail technology as a replacement of a train crew member?

Yes..... **16%**  
 No ..... **75**  
 (VOL) Unsure ..... **9**

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Unsure</u></b>
Men	21%	70	8
Women	11	79	10

<b><u>Age</u></b>			
18-39	20	75	5
40-64	14	80	6
65 plus	15	69	16

<b><u>Education</u></b>			
High School	10	77	14
Some College	18	78	4
College Degree	21	71	9

<b><u>Race</u></b>			
White / Caucasian	11	78	11
All Others	31	64	5

<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>			
Democrat	16	75	9
Independent	14	75	11
Republican	20	74	7

**Q25:** Now thinking about everything we talked about, suppose a candidate running for office supported or sponsored legislation requiring two individuals on all freight trains; come election time, would you be more likely to support that candidate, less likely to support that candidate, or would not make a difference when it comes to your support?

More Likely ..... **34%**  
 Less Likely ..... **3**  
 No Difference ..... **63**

<b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>More</u></b>	<b><u>Less</u></b>	<b><u>No Difference</u></b>
Men	34%	3	63
Women	34	2	63
<b><u>Age</u></b>			
18-39	33	2	65
40-64	35	4	61
65 plus	37	2	61
<b><u>Education</u></b>			
High School	36	0	64
Some College	36	5	59
College Degree	32	3	66
<b><u>Race</u></b>			
White / Caucasian	34	2	63
All Others	34	3	63
<b><u>Party Identification</u></b>			
Democrat	43	2	55
Independent	31	1	68
Republican	28	5	68