

Innocent Transit Worker Fired by Guilty Bosses After Arbitration Hatchet Job

## ***Reinstate Train Operator Andy Valentine with Full Back Pay and a Clean Record!***

In mid-April, Train Operator and TWU Local 100 member Andy Valentine was fired by the MTA after management conspired to make him take the blame and be their fall guy for the January 4, 2024 collision at 96th Street. What happened that day can only be described as an absolute safety meltdown and a glaring example of the MTA's priority of service over safety. The bosses set up Andy. Then he was made to eat it by the so-called "neutral" arbitrator, who wouldn't even allow the NTSB report which exonerates him into evidence. At the time of the collision, the Train Service Supervisor was operating the train, ***not Andy***, who did everything in his power to communicate the imminent danger ahead and stop the train. An exemplary worker, Andy came back to work after a year, only to get fired by ass-covering management who ***changed the rules*** and railroaded him for procedures and practices that ***didn't even exist*** when the incident happened.

This outrage cannot go unanswered. If the MTA can dismiss a T/O like Andy Valentine, then we are all in danger. We are urging everybody, especially all members of TWU Local 100, to contribute to the GoFundMe fundraiser set up by Evangeline Byars. Brother Valentine needs the funds to wage an effective struggle, including legal action, to get his job back. Remember that he and his family were left without income and health benefits by the cruel MTA bosses. Contribute what you can, spread the word, and stoke the outrage. An injury to one is an injury to all—a win for Valentine is a win for our entire union.

Access the fundraiser on GoFundMe by going to **bit.ly/3YF2xni**  
or search for Andy Valentine on GoFundMe



Ad Hoc Committee to Reinstate T/O Valentine

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