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Don't let Elon and his Maga friends get rid of any more jobs. I am a train conductor. I personally prevented a crude oil train from derailing several years ago and it was only possible because of having a 2 person crew. They were rawhiding us, threatening and intimidating us to just take it and go. It was a tough weird one that took deeper research while the engineer was busy controlling the train i was finding the w extra axels. The rule says overlook it if its under 3 but this was back when we were sneakily claiming to not transport oil by throwing in a few extra cars and calling it a manifest train. Unfortunately, there are only 3 things we can make a stand on without risk of retribution and they are the dumbest things. I would rather be able to make a stand on anything that could blow up a city and potentially kill 100,000 people, and i did anyway. In this case, it was a 2 axel scale care, a database error listed as 4 axels, that was certain to derail and take 10-20 cars off the rail with it. I was right. I am your first responder. No response is coming untill i determine there is a problem and a response is needed. Seconds save lives. It is possible hundreds of thousands of lives. The same guy who may claim this job might be replaced by a roving conductor or carman is the same person who fired 1/3 of such carmen, for productivity ensuring any response was hours away and that roving carmen didnt work, plus you cannot always get to the train from the road.