



# ASLEF

Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen founded 1880

Dear film-goer

We hope you enjoy the movie tonight - but please remember that for train drivers like ourselves, deaths on the railway are never funny.

Train drivers need a sense of humour to cope with the daily challenges of our job - 'leaves on the line', 'the wrong sort of snow' or the craziness of railway privatisation! But we do our best to transport millions of people safely every day.

But you'll have to excuse our not seeing the funny side of people being killed on the railway. Once a fortnight someone falls under a London Underground train. It's tragic for the family of the dead person – but it's also a horrible and traumatic experience for the driver. Some have to give up their jobs.

The makers of this film think this is all material for a 'comic caper'. You'll have to forgive us. We don't.

And of course there is no such thing as the 'three and out rule' that is the basis of this film. That's nonsense on stilts.

ASLEF has worked hard to get train companies to recognise the effect of railway suicides on our members. We want them to provide proper support and counselling services for drivers. That's why we were so disappointed that London Underground provided facilities and locations to make this film.

We – and the Samaritans – hope '3 and Out' won't encourage vulnerable people to consider suicide on the railway. 'One unders' aren't funny for railway workers, or for the families of those affected.

So as you are munching your popcorn, please take a moment to think about all those people for whom railway deaths are a tragedy, not a comedy.

Yours sincerely

London Underground's Train Drivers, represented by ASLEF