

# Assemblyman Titone: Fight the MTA's injustice!

“The MTA’s payroll tax and planned service cuts to seniors, students and people with disabilities are prime examples of what’s wrong with this agency’s management. Instead of cutting our train services, MTA officials should be cutting their own lofty salaries and benefits packages. Sign the petition below and add your name to the list of residents who are fed up with the MTA.”

– Assemblyman Matthew Titone



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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To sign the petition electronically**, send an e-mail to [TitoneM@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:TitoneM@assembly.state.ny.us) with your name, address, phone number and the subject heading “MTA petition.”

## Background info:

- To fill its \$383 million budget gap, the MTA is eliminating free Metrocards for city students and cutting paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities.
- Titone is calling for the MTA to cut perks, bonuses and salaries of high-paid employees – before cutting crucial services that people count on.
- MTA Chair, Jay Walder, makes an annual salary of \$350,000, receives \$22,000 a year in a retirement account and has a housing allowance for up to one year.
- The Empire Center for New York State Policy reported last year that more than 10 percent of MTA employees were paid more than \$100,000 — and many were paid 100 percent more than their initial base salaries.
- The MTA’s service cuts and planned student fare increases will further hurt Staten Island residents in this difficult economic time.
- Titone voted against the payroll tax in May and is pushing for a bill that requires all schools be reimbursed for the payroll tax (A.8726).

**Please fill out and mail to** Assemblyman Matthew Titone, 853 Forest Ave., Staten Island, NY 10310