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Mr. Joseph Lhota
Chairman
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
347 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017-3739

Dear Chairman Lhota:

Several members of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)'s Board, including Allen Cappelli of Staten Island, have recently suggested that \$20 million be set aside in the MTA's 2012 budget for partial service restorations. Not only do I wholeheartedly support this proposal, but I urge you to direct as much of this funding as possible to my Assembly district on the East Shore of Staten Island and the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, as it was the hardest hit during the budget crisis.

Shortly after my election, former Chairman Jay Walder visited Staten Island. I took this opportunity to discuss the litany of service cuts affecting my constituents. The 60th Assembly district has lost more bus service than any other district in New York, including the elimination of the X6, X16, X18, X20 and B37 lines. Service reductions have affected the X1, X27 and S76 bus lines as well. These cuts are extremely painful for a community that lacks transportation options, yet faces the highest bridge toll in the world. My constituents desperately need and rightfully deserve to be part of any proposed restoration plan.

I was assured by Chairman Walder that the 60th Assembly district would be considered for restorations should funding be made available. I hope that you will support the MTA Board's proposal to restore services and I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss how we can provide the services my constituents need and deserve.

Very truly yours,

Nicole Malliotakis