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NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS
Assemblywoman, 64th District

January 7, 2013

Mr. Michael Cordiello
President
Local 1181 of the Amalgamated Transit Union
101-49 Woodhaven Boulevard
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Dear President Cordiello:

As President of Local 1181 ATU, you represent countless hardworking men and women who help make New York the greatest city in the world. The 9,000 school bus drivers included in your membership play a critical role in providing safe and reliable transportation to hundreds of thousands of students. That role is so important, in fact, that the looming bus driver strike requires the attention and understanding of every member, elected official and parent in New York.

As elected officials, we are keenly aware of your members' right to a fair contract built on appropriate compensation and job security. While we are extremely hopeful that a deal can be reached between your union and the Department of Education that will avert a work stoppage, we must ensure proper notice for the parents and caretakers of the 152,000 students who will lose their transportation should a strike be declared. Access to a quality education is a child's most basic right, and transportation is a cornerstone of providing that service. Should the worst case scenario of a work stoppage become inevitable, we urge you to provide the families of students with a minimum of three days notice before pulling your drivers off of their routes.

The leadership and members of Local 1181 have been reliable partners in our city's effort to provide children with a world-class education. While we work toward a fair contractual resolution, we must help our community's parents and caretakers raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment as well. We offer our full assistance in reaching a conclusion that protects the rights and needs of your members as well as our city's children.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Nicole Malliotakis in black ink.

Nicole Malliotakis
Member of Assembly
64th District

Handwritten signature of Martin J. Golden in black ink.

Martin J. Golden
Member of Senate
22nd District

Handwritten signature of Alec Brook-Krasny in black ink.

Alec Brook-Krasny
Member of Assembly
46th District



Matthew Titone
Member of Assembly
61st District



Joe Borelli
Member of Assembly
62nd District