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Hon. Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

We write to you with regard to the Select Bus Service lanes that run intermittently along Hylan Boulevard in Staten Island. As you are likely aware, the establishment of bus lanes resulted directly from the enactment of § 1111-C of the *New York State Vehicle & Traffic Law*, allowing the City of New York to designate traffic lanes exclusively for use by MTA Bus Rapid Transit during rush hours.

The southbound bus lane on Hylan Boulevard operates between **3:00pm and 7:00pm**. Removing a lane for regular vehicular traffic during the 3:00 hour causes significant problems for parents driving their children home from school. Additionally, being that Staten Island has the longest commute in the city, very few residents are returning home from work at such an early hour. In an effort to reduce congestion when the school day ends, we respectfully request that you change the hours of operation for this bus lane to **4:00pm to 7:00pm**.

While we can all agree that the implementation of MTA Bus Rapid Transit, accompanied by bus lanes and bus lane cameras, has been far from smooth, your agency has acceded to numerous alterations requested by my colleagues and I since the program's inception. I hope that we can once again agree that a slight change could result in much less aggravation in the daily lives of families in our community.

Very truly yours,

Nicole Malliotakis  
Member of Assembly

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