

May 19, 2009

The Honorable David A. Paterson
Governor of the State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

The Honorable Malcolm A. Smith
Temporary President and Majority Leader of the New York State Senate
Legislative Office Building, Room 909
Albany, NY 12247

The Honorable Sheldon Silver
Speaker of the New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building, Room 932
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Governor Paterson, Majority Leader Smith, and Speaker Silver:

This letter is in response to the passage of A.8180/S.5451, an act relating to the implementation of various supplemental fees and taxes for the metropolitan commuter transportation district.

As you know, the legislation authorizes the legislature to conduct an independent audit of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), including its subsidiaries, beginning every two years after 2009.

We believe that a full accounting of the MTA is in order now. Respectfully, we request that you use your authority to immediately convene an independent, forensic audit into the MTA.

Recent articles from publications such as The Daily News regarding the MTA's mismanagement of projects and taxpayer dollars, internal staffing issues, and CEO Elliot Sander's recent resignation lead us to believe that we cannot wait. It is essential to forensically audit the MTA's books immediately.

The taxpayers, non-profit organizations, hospitals and schools who are being asked to foot the bill for this unaffordable measure deserve to know if the figures being provided by the agency are unrealistic, especially in light of past failures by the MTA.

We have received hundreds of calls, e-mails, and letters from our constituents on this matter. Given the fact that our constituents are under-represented on the MTA board, with just one combined vote for the four Mid-Hudson counties, it is particularly important that stringent financial oversight is in place to protect the taxpayers, businesses, schools, not-for-profits and municipalities in this region who will be most affected by the new taxes and fees in the legislation.

We look forward to working with you in arranging for a forensic audit as the public continues to insist that their public officials investigate how and why the MTA came to require a legislative bailout to begin with.

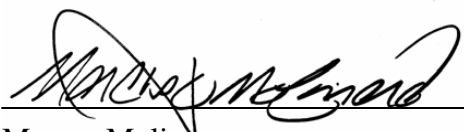
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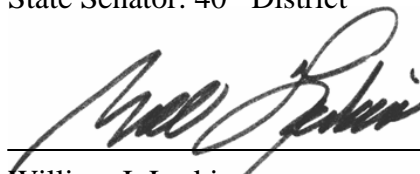
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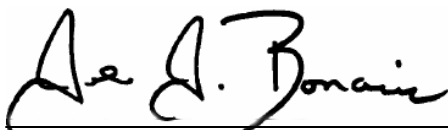
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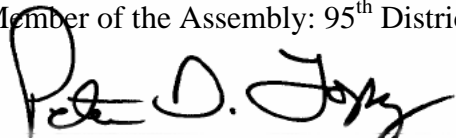
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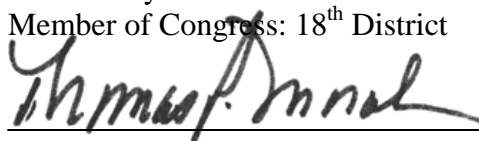
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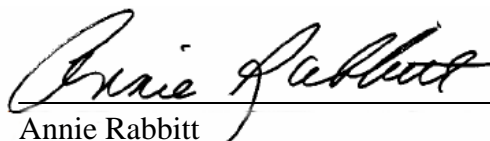
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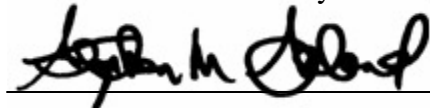
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