



Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen



Transportation Division – Mechanical - Yard Masters



Transportation Communications Union



Int'l. Assn. of Machinists & Aerospace Workers



National Conference of Firemen & Oilers, SEIU 32BJ



Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen



Independent Railway Supervisors Association

March 8, 2021

Via email with petitions attached

Re: Service Cuts / Lack of Good Faith

Dear Chairman Foye and President Eng,

In unity the Long Island Rail Road's heroic workforce has joined with its Organization's leadership in sending you a heartfelt message copied at the bottom of this page.

In addition, our workforce is tired of taking a back seat to the misguided priorities of the MTA on fancy projects, third party deals, consultants and countless other business dealings that put both our workers and our customers last. Your ability to move around funding provided to preserve service may fool many, but it is not getting past your skilled workforce as you squeeze, blame and disrespect them to fund consulting contracts and high salaried management jobs still working from home. Our Long Island Rail Road Labor Unions have always cooperated for the greater good, but this Agency has become a bureaucracy filled with individual needs, agendas and projects. The only difference is now you can use federal stimulus money to pay for it while neglecting your workforce and more importantly hurting our customers.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED; ARE LIRR WORKERS WHO ARE OUTRAGED BY THE DECISION TO REDUCE SERVICE FOR LIRR RIDERS AT A TIME WHEN OPENING THE ECONOMY, CONTINUED DISTANCING, INCENTIVIZING CUSTOMERS TO RETURN AND PRIORITIZING THE USE OF FEDERAL DOLLARS IS CRUCIAL TO A FULL AND SAFE RECOVERY. WE ARE DISGUSTED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE CUTS AND THE INSENSITIVITY TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR FRONT-LINE CRAFTS HAS DESTROYED OUR MORALE AND TRUST IN THE AGENCY. WE DEMAND YOU LISTEN TO YOUR "HEROES" AND RESTORE SERVICE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR SYSTEM. IN UNITY,

The MTA's desire to out-source our work, disregard our membership's quality of life and forget about what we have delivered throughout a global pandemic is inexcusable. We certainly hope you can get on the right track in winning us back for the good of this great railroad that we have built and have always been proud to serve. Until then, we will continue to work hard for our customers with the understanding that there is a lack of good faith and insufficient appreciation toward our members from leadership.

In Solidarity,

Anthony Simon, General Chairperson SMART TD

Nicholas Peluso, General Chairperson TCU

Christopher Natale, General Chairperson BRS

Kevin Sexton, General Chairperson BLE&T

John McCloskey, General Chairperson SMART Mechanical

Michael Miele, General Chairperson SMART YM

Andrew Sandberg, General Chairperson IAM

Robert Santos, General Chairperson IRSA

Michael Pistone, General Chairperson NCFO SEIU

Enclosed: Over 3000 employee signatures