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Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Speaker Carl Heastie
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Governor Hochul, Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie,

As Members of New York's Congressional Delegation, we are writing to respectfully request that you make full funding of the \$68.4 billion MTA Capital Plan for 2025-2029 a top priority as part of this year's state budget process. Given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the MTA's federal funding—particularly with the Trump Administration's attempt to rescind approval for congestion pricing and threats to withhold federal funding for New York State—it is imperative that the State take decisive action to secure its transit future. By ensuring that the MTA Capital Plan is adequately funded, we can fortify our transit infrastructure, shield New Yorkers from unpredictable actions from the Trump Administration, and make proactive investments to protect the region's economy from future disruptions.

The MTA's Capital Plan is essential for maintaining a modern, resilient, and efficient transit system that meets the needs of all New Yorkers. With the potential loss of federal funding jeopardizing critical transit infrastructure projects, it is crucial that we secure full state funding to mitigate any budget shortfalls and safeguard the transformative improvements outlined in the Capital Plan. The consequences of deferred maintenance are already evident, as over 13,000 equipment failures result in delays annually.

Past underfunding has led to costly delays and urgent infrastructure fixes—issues that a fully funded Capital Plan would address proactively. The plan outlines a comprehensive strategy to achieve a state of good repair through preventative measures rather than reactive fixes, ensuring that our transit

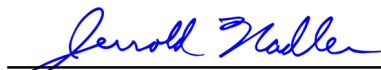
infrastructure remains reliable and resilient. For example, the plan allocates \$800 million to fortify the Hudson Line against stormwater flooding, \$7.1 billion to enhance ADA accessibility at more stations, and \$5.4 billion to modernize the subway's outdated signal technology. These resiliency upgrades will protect vital transit assets from increasingly frequent extreme weather events.

However, fully funding the Capital Plan is not just about keeping trains and buses running. It is a crucial step in preserving our region's economic stability and ensuring that public funds are spent wisely. The MTA service area is home to nearly 70% of all jobs in New York State, and the transit system plays a vital role in keeping the state's economy moving. The agency's impact extends well beyond New York City; residents from all over New York State benefit from improved transit access and contracts awarded to local manufacturers, while businesses across the state rely on the MTA's robust infrastructure to facilitate commerce and workforce mobility. According to a recent report from the Partnership for New York City, the 2025-2029 Capital Plan is projected to generate \$106 billion in economic output and more than 70,000 jobs statewide, including nearly 20,000 jobs outside of New York City, thereby supporting the livelihoods of working families and enabling continued investment in the region.¹

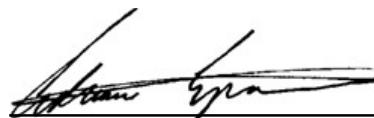
Without full funding for the Capital Plan, our transit system will face service reductions, unreliable infrastructure, and disruptions that jeopardize our economy. Therefore, we respectfully request that you make full funding of the MTA Capital Plan a top priority. We trust that state leaders will take thoughtful and decisive action to ensure a reliable and resilient transit system for current and future generations of New Yorkers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

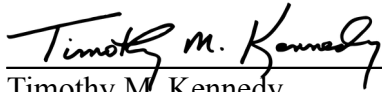


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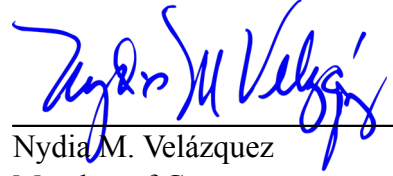


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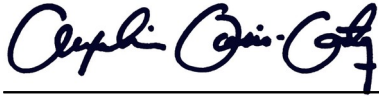
¹ Partnership for New York City. "Independent Analysis Finds MTA's Proposed 2025-2029 Capital Plan Would Generate \$106 Billion in New York State Economic Activity and Contribute Over 70,000 Jobs." *Partnership for New York City*, October 16, 2023. <https://pfnyc.org/news/independent-analysis-finds-mtas-proposed-2025-2029-capital-plan-would-generate-106-billion-in-new-york-state-economic-activity-and-contribute-over-70000-jobs/>.



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