



May 6, 2015

Diannae Ehler  
General Manager  
The Port Authority Bus Terminal and Lincoln Tunnel  
625 Eighth Avenue  
New York, NY 10018

Dear Ms. Ehler:


We are writing about the lack of security cameras at the Port Authority Bus Terminal on the exterior of the building along Ninth Avenue.


We were alarmed to learn that police have been unable to attempt identification of the perpetrator of the assault and mugging of our constituent on February 1 at this location due to a lack of security footage.


As this area receives heavy pedestrian traffic, it is imperative that there are security cameras at this location for the safety of residents and travelers alike. This is particularly important during late night hours for Port Authority passengers, since Ninth Avenue has less foot traffic and is less safe at those hours.

We urge you to give due weight to this request, and we thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or follow up, please contact Senator Hoylman at 212-633-8052.

Sincerely,

  
Jerrold Nadler  
U.S. Representative

  
Gale Brewer  
Manhattan Borough President

  
Brad Hoylman  
State Senator

  
Richard N. Gottfried  
Assembly Member

  
Corey Johnson  
City Councilmember

cc: Christine Berthet, Community Board 4

**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ**

July 8, 2015

**Brad Hoylman**  
New York State Senator  
322 Eighth Avenue, Suite 1700  
New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr. Hoylman:

I am writing in response to your letter dated May 6, 2015 regarding the availability of surveillance cameras on the exterior of the Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT) along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I am saddened to learn that one of your constituents was assaulted near the Bus Terminal on February 1, 2015. Safety and security in and around the PABT are an important priority for the Port Authority. In fact, as a result of targeted security strategies implemented recently by the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD), the crime rate in the PABT has decreased by 37.5% over the past year. The PAPD continues to work closely with the New York City Police Department to provide for the safety of the millions of residents, commuters, and tourists who travel through the PABT annually.

The facility has a number of cameras operating within its interior, which is the primary patrol and response area for the PAPD. Additionally, the PABT has two exterior surveillance cameras providing views of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These cameras have pan, tilt, and zoom capabilities, and are designed to provide general area coverage of the pedestrian and bus conditions from 40<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Street along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the adjacent walkways. The Port Authority has a project in the planning stage for a significant upgrade of existing cameras to improve video quality, as well as the installation of additional cameras to enhance surveillance capabilities in and around the PABT. As such, our security staff will assess the need for additional cameras along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue as part of this larger initiative.

Thank you for writing on this important topic.

Sincerely,



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