



THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

January 17, 2019

Phillip Eng
President
MTA – Long Island Rail Road
Jamaica Station, Archer Ave.
Jamaica, NY 11435

Dear President Eng,

As the new Chairs of the New York State Senate Committees on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and Transportation, and in partnership with the undersigned Long Island senators, we are writing to advise you that we intend to hold hearings on the state of the Long Island Rail Road and invite and encourage your participation. Statistics reveal what commuters know quite well -- that the LIRR's recent performance is subpar and in desperate need of thorough review and revamping. In light of the legislature's role in funding the MTA's budget, as well as fulfilling our role as representatives of the riders who rely on your service, we intend to exercise our oversight authority in an effort to seek collaborative solutions to remedy an unsustainable situation.

The forthcoming hearings will seek the participation of riders, workers, and experts, who can each illuminate the causes for the dire situation of Long Island's commuter rail system. We expect your participation and hope you will work with us toward a better experience for the riders who depend on you.

Yours in Service,

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Leroy Comrie
Senator, 14th District

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Timothy Kennedy
Senator, 63rd District

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Todd Kaminsky
Senator, 9th District

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John Brooks
Senator, 8th District



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Monica Martinez
Senator, 3rd District

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Thomas'.

Kevin Thomas
Senator, 6th District

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'James F. Gaughran'.

James Gaughran
Senator, 5th District

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Anna Kaplan
Senator, 7th District