

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3211

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Andrew Byford  
Chief Executive Officer  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
2 Broadway  
New York, N.Y. 10004

Dear Mr. Byford:

We are writing to urge the MTA to assign surplus commuter buses to Staten Island. 95,000 people use buses on a daily basis on Staten Island, and we all know that our current system is failing to provide a reasonable level of service. Every moment a Staten Islander spends waiting for a bus that won't show up is a moment they aren't able to spend with their families. That's something we refuse to accept.

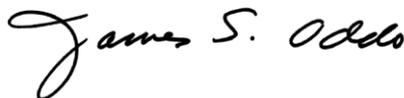
As you know, the MTA's original plan to shut down the L Train for renovations included an increase in bus service between Brooklyn and Manhattan. To this end, the MTA purchased 180 new buses to meet the demand of over 30,000 additional riders. With Governor Cuomo's recent announcement that the L Train will not close for renovation, these buses currently sit as surplus, a reserve that the residents of Staten Island desperately need in order to address our commuting nightmare.

The MTA planned to put 80 more buses per hour on the road to offset the loss of the L Train. If these buses are brought to Staten Island instead, they can make an immediate impact on our bus system. More buses will help fill gaps in our existing fleet, make buses run more frequently, and stop the plague of no-show buses that riders in Staten Island know so well.

We are requesting an immediate meeting with the MTA to discuss the possibility of bringing the buses to Staten Island. Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you on this important matter.



Max Rose  
Member of Congress  
11th District



James Oddo  
Borough President  
Richmond County