

## TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION

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Dear Senate Majority Leader Schumer,

During the Zoom Town Hall meeting you held with TWU in January, and during strategy sessions held with myself and TWU International President John Samuelsen, you promised to keep working tirelessly with organized labor to achieve shared goals: securing federal funding to keep mass transit up and running, avoiding severe and widespread service cuts, and preventing devastating layoffs. You kept your word. On behalf of the men and women who move New York, I want to personally thank you.

Local 100 has paid a heavy price for keeping New York moving during this pandemic. Our members bravely continued to serve their communities by coming to work so that doctors, nurses, EMTs, supermarket employees, and many other essential workers, could get to their vitally important jobs. We faced the threat of massive layoffs because of the economic crisis. The MTA, however, did not lay off a single member. In my mind, this would not have happened if you did not advocate for us so strongly in Washington,

Sincerely,

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