

A Message from New York City's Transit Workers

# Uncuff'em, Mayor DeBlasio!

As the City Council debates to decriminalize public urination and fare beating on our subways and buses — despite the fact that fare disputes lead to assaults on our Bus Operators — your Vision Zero campaign criminalizes the working men and women Bus Operators of TWU Local 100 for simply doing what NYC and the MTA order them to do everyday. So now public urination and fare beating are no big thing, but Bus Operators are criminals? **Not very “progressive” of you, Mayor DeBlasio.**

MTA Bus Operators, and all transit workers, are pillars of NYC's minority and blue-collar neighborhoods. They safely carry more than two and a half million passengers every day over the most difficult routes in the world. They do their jobs driving buses with multiple blind spots, on routes requiring dangerous left turns with no dedicated left turn signals.

And when a tragic right-of-way accident occurs, through no negligence by a Bus Operator, you and the so-called progressives on the City Council think it is necessary to arrest and humiliate them? This could not possibly have been the intent of the Vision Zero right-of-way law.

Let's be clear. The fact is your Vision Zero law has succeeded in criminalizing an entire class of hard working, law abiding unionized workers and you are wrong for doing so. **Not very progressive, Mayor DeBlasio.**



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## WE ARE NOT CRIMINALS

### #AmendVisionZero



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