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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Andrew Cuomo,

We, the undersigned members of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus write in support of TWU Local 100's efforts to negotiate a fair contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. In doing so, we proudly join the **Transport Workers Union (TWU) New York State Conference** and the **MTA Coalition** – together representing dozens of unions from New York's transit, rail, airline, utilities, and building industries – to stand firmly with TWU Local 100 as they work to gain modest cost of living wage increases and preserve their bargained terms and conditions of employment. We believe that their members have the right to work safely while continuing to provide safe, reliable, and efficient transportation for millions of daily riders.

Many of us believe that there is money in their current budget – more than half a billion dollars in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 fund – to grant a modest cost of living wage increase for TWU Local 100's 40,000 members. Therefore, we are counting on your leadership to pressure the MTA to swiftly arrive at a reasonable asking settlement with a decent wage increase.

In addition, we also urge you to ask the MTA to use the GASB 45 fund to restore service to pre-2010 levels. These service cuts, which included the loss or reduction of 110 bus routes, the loss of two subway lines, and the removal of hundreds of station agents from the system, has detrimentally impacted many communities throughout New York City.

A fairly negotiated contract for TWU Local 100 members with cost of living wage increases is possible. The restoration and improvement of service is also achievable. Along with TWU Local 100, the TWU New York State Conference, and the MTA Coalition, we look for your support in both of these efforts. The MTA can pay.

Sincerely,

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