



TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION

OF GREATER NEW YORK • AFL-CIO • LOCAL 100

John Samuelson
President

Earl Phillips
Secretary Treasurer

LaTonya Crisp-Sauray
Recording Secretary

Angel Giboyeaux
Administrative VP

March 12, 2013

Dear Elected Leaders:

Today, you will be seeing hundreds of New York City transit workers in their navy blue TWU Local 100 t-shirts roaming the halls of the Capital to meet with their elected legislators over issues of importance to them and their families.

They are here as part of TWU Local 100's annual Lobby Day event, which provides a platform for our members to participate in the democratic process both as part of the fraternity of TWU and as individual constituents and voters in New York. They will be speaking to you and your colleagues about a number of concerns, including:

- The MTA's continuing insistence on a concessionary contract that attacks our members' ability to provide a decent living for their families, and similarly demands massive givebacks in health care that adds to that burden. Transit workers have been with a contract for more than 14 months.
- The lack of urgency on the part of Governor Cuomo to name a new Chair of the MTA, which in turn has stymied negotiations for a new contract. Transit workers have proven themselves in times of emergency over and over again. Their response in getting our City up and running after Sandy was remarkable, bordering on miraculous. They responded with similar professionalism during Winter Storm Nemo that hit the region hard on Feb. 9, 2013. They deserve a contract without further delay.
- Enactment of the Transit Authority Passenger Security and Safety Act, that would potentially mandate staffing levels in Stations and Subway trains as a necessary deterrent to crime and terrorist acts.
- Sustainable rebuilding in the aftermath of Sandy, with particular attention to increased service in the hardest hit Sandy areas (that were underserved to begin with).
- Defense of the Payroll Mobility Tax, and other sources of dedicated funding for the MTA.
- Passage of a bill to increase the minimum wage.
- Heart and Lung legislation for transit workers, similar to the uniformed services.
- Assault bill to expand coverage from the operating titles to Cleaners, who are threatened, harassed and assaulted on a daily basis.

Thank you in advance for extending every courtesy of your office to the men and women who contribute so mightily to the economic and social fabric of New York.

Sincerely,

John Samuelson
President, TWU Local 100