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Brother/Sister,

Albany knows Local 100 is a force to be reckoned with. What makes it so? For starters, the thousand-plus members who are taking a day out of their busy schedules to make our presence felt in the Capitol. This would matter any year. But at a time when labor is under attack, it has special importance. Thank you for your part in this.

We have several goals to accomplish today. One of these is to make sure that every legislative office, Assembly and Senate alike, receives a package from us with our legislative agenda.

As you and your lobbying teams are visiting offices to drop off the packages, you may have the opportunity to briefly inform legislative staffers of our concerns. You won't have time to go through every bill in our legislative agenda, but do take the chance to mention these three points.

Transit Workers are Heroes, We Do Not Deserve Three Zeros

- Local 100 members performed miracles to bring transit -- and the City -- back from the disaster of Hurricane Sandy. More importantly, we perform the daily miracle of moving 8 million people.
- We are demanding modest wage increases to keep our members and their families from losing ground to inflation.

Public Transit is Essential to New York and Must be Adequately Funded

- Hurricane Sandy highlights just how vital public mass transit is to the region, and how it must be funded at an adequate level to meet the needs of today and tomorrow.
- Riders have now been hit with their fourth fare hike in five years. It is time for the other stakeholders -- including the City, the State, and businesses -- to increase their contributions to transit.
- Dedicated transit funds must remain just that, dedicated to transit. In 2011, Local 100 worked hard to win Lockbox legislation that revenues collected for transit go to transit. Unfortunately, this year's Executive Budget wants to grab another \$20 million of transit funds.

Ensuring Passenger Safety Means Maintaining the Workforce in the Transit System

- The presence of experienced transit workers is the first and foremost factor in passenger safety.
- The Transit Authority Passenger Security and Safety Act would create a panel to study recommendations on passenger safety measures.
- It would also freeze booth closings while the panel conducts its study.

Thank you again for coming to Albany and keeping Local 100 on the political map.

In solidarity,

John Samuelsen
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