

Dear State Senators and Assembly Members:

All of our Brothers and Sisters in the Transport Workers Union Local 100 strongly support the goal of reducing traffic accidents, fatalities and injuries to the lowest possible number. Pedestrian fatalities may be at an all-time low - going all the way back to the days when horse-drawn buggies rolled along the streets as a major means of transportation – but we agree that the number of tragic accidents can, and should, be driven down even further.

We don't agree, however, that the answers include arresting, handcuffing and charging bus operators like common criminals for accidents that do not involve speeding, texting or some other form or demonstrably reckless behavior. We strongly urge you to consider the following facts and take note of the officials who have signed this letter as a sign of support for our position that the law needs to be corrected. This is not an either-or choice. Both pedestrians and civil servants can be protected.

Don't blame the worker by arresting dedicated and law-abiding civil servants for tragic accidents that are accidents – and not the result of reckless behavior.

Please support A6048, Mosley/S4494, Dilan, which would require police officers to issue simplified traffic information* following accidents between city buses and pedestrians or bicyclists.

If enacted, A6048 (Mosley)/S4494 (Dilan) will help uniformed Bus Operators avoid the humiliation associated with the process of arrest as provided by New York City Administrative Code Section 19-190.

Note: "Simplified traffic information" as defined by Criminal Procedure Law Section 150.10 is also known as a "uniform traffic ticket."

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