



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

June 19, 2014

Hon. Thomas F. Prendergast
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
347 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

As Members of Congress representing districts that would be unduly impacted by any disruption of Long Island Railroad (LIRR) service, we are writing again to express our concern regarding the ongoing labor dispute between the MTA and LIRR employee labor unions. We encourage the MTA to accept a proposal from the involved employee labor unions to extend the current "cooling off" period for an additional 60 days.

We believe that the MTA and the LIRR employee labor unions should exercise every reasonable option to spare LIRR riders from any interruption of regular service. Though the two sides have so far been unable to come together and reach a mutually agreeable solution, we believe that additional time for negotiations will help ensure that an agreement is reached before any work stoppage would occur.

Many of our constituents rely on LIRR service on a daily basis and any disruption would cause them to seek alternate methods of transportation that may be more time consuming, inconvenient, and costly. Additionally, we are concerned about the effect that any potential work stoppage could have on Long Island tourism, as the LIRR is a vital means of transportation to the East End and other destinations during the peak tourism season in the summer months.

We continue to advocate for an agreement that is able to satisfy all parties, while ensuring that fares for commuters are not increased as a result. We respectfully urge you to extend the "cooling off" period for an additional 60 days to allow more time to reach a solution.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

STEVE ISRAEL
Member of Congress

PETER KING
Member of Congress



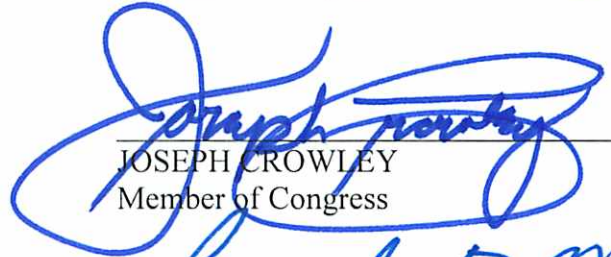
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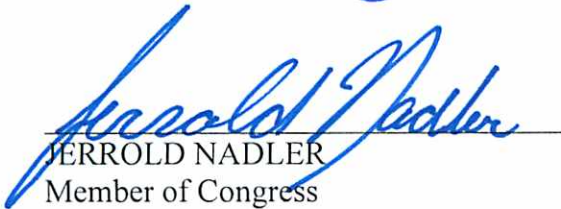
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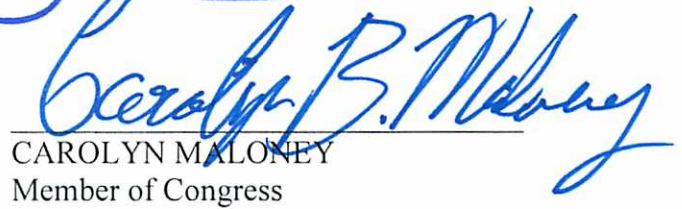
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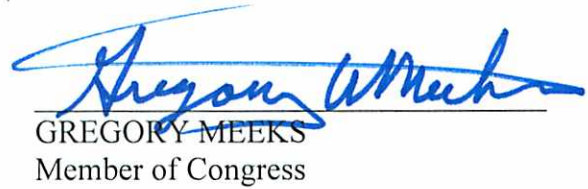
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