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Metro North General Committee of Adjustment
and Division 127

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213 Meagher Avenue
Bronx, New York 10465

Assemblyperson Sheldon Silver
Speaker of State Assembly
Legislation Office Building
Room 932
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I would like to request your support for the Acre/MTA Bill introduced by Assemblyman Sam Hoyt. The primary concern in this situation is the misuse of public funds.

The House Joint Resolution No. 2, or Omnibus Bill, signed by President Bush on February 21, 2003 contains similar language. The Omnibus language forbids the MTA to offer compensation to Acre officers from Federal Funds. The MTA continues to pay salaries and benefits to Acre officers, ostensibly from State or fare box funds. Congressman Sweeney of Albany and Congressman Serrano of the Bronx introduced the Omnibus language.

Congressman Joseph Crowley and Jack Quinn along with Senator Hillary Clinton are among a number of Congressmen and Senators that have forwarded letters to U.S. Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao requesting an investigation regarding Acre's relationship with the MTA.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, New York, AFL-CIO President Dennis Hughes and Connecticut AFL-CIO President John Olsen have written letters critical of Acre's method of operation.

I would appreciate your attention to this matter. If your office requires additional information, I can be contacted at the above address or by phone at 718-792-8507. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Gleason
Vice General Chairman
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