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July 1, 2004

Assemblyman Paul A. Tokasz
Assembly Majority Leader
LOB Room 926
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

On June 21, 2004 I attended a Rail Safety Conference sponsored by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU) at the TWU's International Offices in New York City. As you know, Congresswoman Maloney is the Chairperson of the Task Force on Homeland Security for the House Democratic Caucus.

Also present at the conference were various international and local officers of the TWU, Teamsters and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers-T (BLET). I was in attendance due to my status as an honorary BLET member.

Many aspects of Rail Safety were discussed, including the manning of commuter and subway trains. The Congresswoman paid particular attention to the human factor element necessary for even routine rail safety procedures. I mentioned that the Congresswoman's concerns were shared by members of our New York State Legislature and provided an aide of the Congresswoman with copies of Bills A8655 and S5376 for her perusal.

I have enclosed for your review a synopsis of the conference released by Congresswoman Maloney's office and the TWU International.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Art May".

Art May,
Coordinator Metro North

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