



October 4, 2017

Mr. Joseph Lhota
Chairman
Board of Directors
Metropolitan Transit Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear Chairman Lhota,

I am writing regarding the MTA's proposed Lexington Avenue Emergency Ventilation Plant in Manhattan's Murray Hill neighborhood. Due to the nature of this project's impact on residents in the area, I appreciate that you have listened to their concerns and asserted at the last board meeting on September 27, 2017, that the MTA will review the project further.

As neighborhood advocates have long said, this decades-long proposal merits a second look, as 21st-Century needs and methods may supplant the original requirements and designs. While we must adhere to the most stringent safety standards for system riders, alternative solutions that have less impact on the surrounding community and on agency capital costs would be optimal.

Please continue to be transparent and sensitive to the community's needs as you conduct this review.

Thank you,

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