

Governor Andrew Cuomo
New York State Office Building
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As you know, the MTA has proposed an emergency ventilation plant for the Lexington Avenue IRT line along Park Avenue in Murray Hill, which will affect everyone from 34th to 39th Street. The consequences to our community would be devastating: eight to fourteen years of noise, pollution, inaccessibility of ambulances and fire trucks, and increased congestion of already high vehicular and pedestrian traffic. I am especially concerned about the impact the project will have on my office. We know the significant financial losses that the Union League Club has had with eight years of the MTA's East Side Access Project.

We question this ill-conceived ventilation project based on a 22-year-old study. Rather than addressing an emergency need, it is a discretionary project that is being rushed through as if it were a *fait accompli*. Given the \$34+ billion debt of the MTA and the impending fare increase, there is no justification for undertaking this project. The website of the Coalition to Save Murray Hill has more details and sensible alternatives: www.SaveMurrayHillNYC.org.

Please let me know me what you are doing to defeat this unnecessary spending of taxpayer funds that would destroy our neighborhood.

Sincerely,