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July 24, 2017

Mr. Joseph Lhota
Chairman
MTA Board
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Fax & Mail

Immediate Attention Required

Dear Mr. Lhota:

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming July 26th Board Meeting at the MTA Headquarters, which will discuss the proposed Emergency Ventilation Plant (EVP) for the New York City subway line beneath Park Avenue below Grand Central Station.

Concerned residents continue to contact me stating that the appropriate research has not been done for this proposal. In my March 29th and July 12th letters sent to Interim Executive Director Veronique Hakim, I requested a new comprehensive ventilation study take place prior to any proposed plans being implemented and for the consideration of other, more cost-effective alternatives that reduce the negative effects of harm from smoke in non-ventilated subway tunnel segments.

I urge you to consider these alternative options appropriately to avoid an improper use of funds.

Please use this letter as a formal statement for the Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Avella'.

Tony Avella
State Senator
11th Senatorial District



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Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Fax & Mail

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Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming July 26th Board Meeting at the MTA Headquarters, which will discuss the proposed Emergency Ventilation Plant (EVP) for the New York City subway line beneath Park Avenue below Grand Central Station.

Concerned residents contacted my office stating that the appropriate research has not been done for this proposal. In my March 29th and July 12th letters sent to Interim Executive Director Veronique Hakim (see enclosed), I requested a new comprehensive ventilation study take place prior to any proposed plans being implemented and for the consideration of other, more cost-effective alternatives that reduce the negative effects of harm from smoke in non-ventilated subway tunnel segments.

Given this information, I would appreciate your reviewing this matter and urging the MTA Board members to consider the residents' concerns and alternative proposals.

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