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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 24, 2010
To: The Membership of the United Transportation Union
From: Anthony Simon, General Chairman UTU
Re: Service Cuts, Furloughs

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Recently you have all been made aware of the service cuts and furloughs of train service employees. **I want you all to know that I am doing everything within my power to stop these actions from happening.**

I have been working diligently with the other labor organizations affected by these cuts as well as with members of The United States Congress and New York State Senate to stop these service cuts and furloughs. Together we are going to fight to emphasize to the M.T.A. that there are other ways to balance their budget instead of doing it on the backs of the hard-working, front-line employees who keep this railroad running and our commuters safe. There is much more fat that can be cut in upper management, where salaries rise well above one hundred-fifty to two hundred thousand dollars. There is money being wasted on capital projects that will be even more of a financial burden on the agency. There is money being wasted on outside contractors who don't live up to their contracts. There is money being wasted on consultants charging astronomical fees to do what management should be doing in the first place. **I WILL NOT REST UNTIL I EXPOSE THE WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT OF THIS AGENCY TO PROVE THAT THESE SERVICE CUTS AND FURLOUGHS ARE UNNECESSARY.**

Now more than ever I need you all to stand united with myself and my committee as we take on this enormous battle. Recently we held a rally protesting these cuts outside of our office in Babylon that showed a tremendous amount of support. In the coming weeks the M.T.A. will hold public hearings at the following locations: **March 1, 2010 at Chateau Briand, 440 Old Country Road, Carle Place, New York and March 8, 2010 at County Center, Suffolk County Legislative Auditorium in the Evans K. Griffing Bldg., 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York,** where we will show up to voice our outrage. The hearings start at 6pm; please come and join us as we protest these cuts. **WE MUST STAND IN SOLIDARITY DURING THESE EXTREMELY CHALLENGING TIMES.**

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A handwritten signature in red ink that reads 'Anthony Simon'.

Anthony Simon