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The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor
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ATTENTION: Charles O'Byrne, Secretary to the Governor

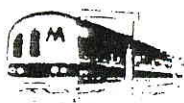
Dear Governor Paterson:

I am Samuel J. Nasca, State Director for the United Transportation Union for NY State and as such I represent 3,000 active employees of the Long Island Railroad. The crafts that I represent are conductors, collectors, supervisors, trainmen, track workers and car repair employees, all of which are involved in the transportation of thousands of Long Island commuters each and every day.

The recent article in the NY Times on Sunday, September 21, 2008, is unfairly painting these 3,000 active dedicated employees with a broad brush of criticism and the Governor and some of his aids have exacerbated the criticism by their comments. These dedicated employees do not deserve those criticisms.

There are a significant number of complexities involved and surrounding this matter that is not being referenced or published that your people should know. They relate to the employee contracts and the issues of the Federal Railroad Retirement System.

The General Chairperson of the Long Island Railroad United Transportation Union umbrella group is Anthony Simon. He is also the Chairperson of the Long Island Labor Coalition, which includes all Unions of the Long Island Railroad. He and I



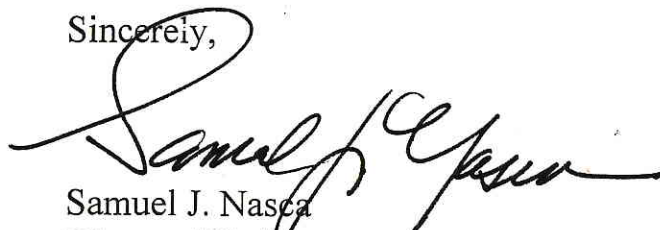
would like to meet with you or a member of your staff to discuss this subject as soon as possible.

Please advise of a time and date when we might be able to do that.

We wholeheartedly support the efforts that you are putting forth to correct and neutralize the many problems of our State, but want to clear the air, so to speak, with you on this most important matter.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Sincerely,



Samuel J. Nasca
Director/Chairperson

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Hon. Steve Israel, Member of Congress
Hon. Gary Ackerman, Member of Congress
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