



August 2, 2018

Governor Andrew Cuomo
633 3rd Avenue
New York, NY 10017

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Dear Governor Cuomo,

We are transit riders and representatives of the Riders Alliance grassroots leadership team. We are profoundly concerned with the future of New York's public transit system. While we applaud the interest you've shown in our harrowing commutes over the past year, there is an essential step you have not yet taken: appointing members to, and launching, the Metropolitan Transportation Sustainability Advisory Workgroup. In this year's budget, you pledged to make these appointments and convene the Workgroup which, among other things, was charged with making critical transit funding recommendations by year's end. More than four months later, you have still yet to make appointments or establish a work plan. Time is running out.

We call on you, Governor Cuomo, to assemble the transit funding Workgroup by August 15, which should have been the midpoint of progress toward a final report.

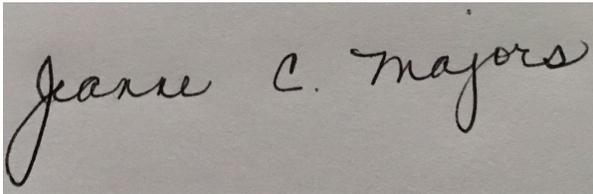
In the year since you declared a state of emergency underground and set the Subway Action Plan in motion, our commutes are as bad as they've ever been. In January, on time subway performance fell to an abysmal 58%. In May, 85 major incidents delayed 50 or more weekday trains—ten more major incidents than during the awful month of May 2017. After the Borough Hall station ceiling collapsed this June, a wall collapsed there in July. The list sadly goes on.

Now we have a plan from the MTA to modernize the subway, to restore reliability, increase capacity, and make the system accessible to all New Yorkers. By any honest calculation, the Fast Forward plan will cost tens of billions of dollars. But we don't yet have a way to fund it. The FixNYC panel that you convened last fall proposed congestion pricing in January. Congestion pricing is a very fair and sustainable way to raise the billions needed to fix the subway. It would also help bus riders, drivers and small businesses by cutting Manhattan's notorious congestion,

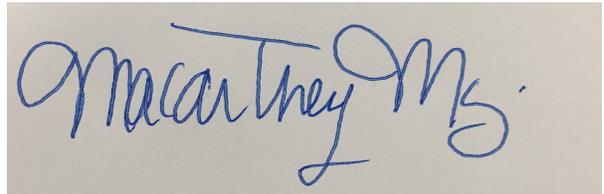
which, according to the Partnership for New York City, costs the region \$20 billion a year in lost economic opportunities.

It's up to you to now convene the Workgroup to refine the FixNYC proposal by adding the detail and incentives needed to win broad legislative support for congestion pricing in the next state budget. The longer we wait, the more modernization will cost us and the more we and our 8.5 million fellow daily riders will suffer needlessly. The time to act is now. We are counting on your leadership to get the job done.

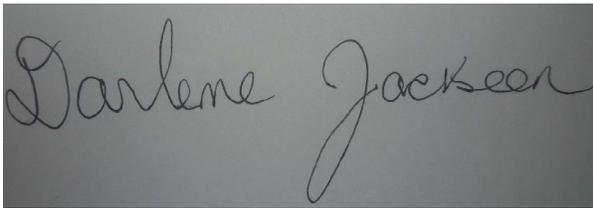
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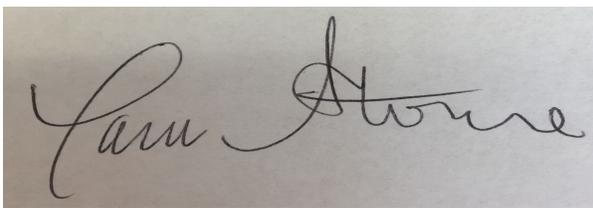
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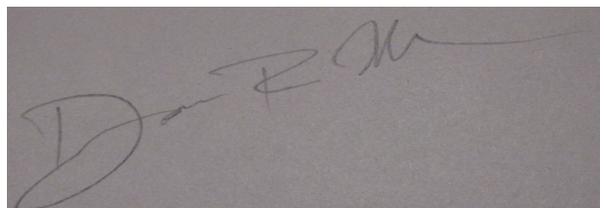
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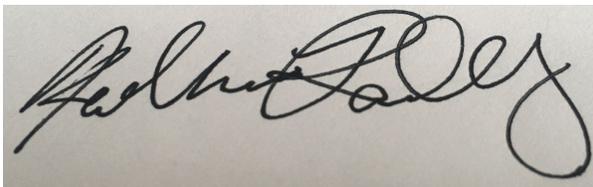
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