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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Thomas F. Prendergast
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
347 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

I want to express my concern over recent reports suggesting the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will seek a fare increase from Connecticut commuters next year.

I want to be clear that the 2015 budget that the State of Connecticut approved in May for Metro-North service was based on the latest revenue and expense assumptions for the New Haven Line. Our approved budget is predicated on no new fare increase in the State of Connecticut. It should go without saying that Connecticut expects Metro-North to control expenses and to live within the adopted budget for 2015.

In the financial plan released last week, the MTA touts significant expense savings, but calls for fare increases in 2015 and 2017 that could impact the New Haven Line. Those points don't seem to add up. I would like a full accounting of Connecticut's share of the proposed savings that were reported in the budget plan. Please provide the requested information to Commissioner James Redeker of the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor