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STOP THE ACCESS-A-RIDE FARE HIKE

Elliot G. Sander, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
MTA New York City Transit
347 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Sander:

All New Yorkers have an equal right to public transportation. The proposed doubling of the Access-A-Ride fare to as much as $6.00 per trip places an unfair burden on some of our city's most vulnerable riders. New Yorkers with disabilities are more likely to be living on low or fixed incomes than other transit users- 85 percent of Access-A-Ride users are unemployed; 64 percent have a total annual household income of less than $35,000- and more than a third are over age 65--and therefore rely on Access-A-ride to participate in their communities. When barriers to transportation are created for people with disabilities, the stage is set for isolation rather than integration.

The MTA is in a financial crisis and all realistic options to close the deficit must be explored. However, doubling the Access-A-Ride fare will generate a trivial amount of revenue while burdening, if not stranding, thousands of New Yorkers. This cannot be the answer to the MTA's budget shortfall. The MTA must act responsibly and consider a wide range of budget solutions before placing this financial burden on Access-A-Ride users. We urge you to withdraw the MTA proposal to double the Access-A-Ride fare.

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