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Mr. Thomas F. Pendergast Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority 347 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10017

Mr. Joseph Giulietti President, MTA Metro-North Railroad 420 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017-3739

Dear Sirs,

We write to you today regarding the important issue of grade crossings. As you are well aware, the communities along the Harlem Line are still healing from the tragic accident on February 3^{ad}, which stands as the worst train accident in the MTA's history.

Among the 437 grade crossings in the New York metropolitan area, we have many concerns regarding several crossings including those at Cleveland Street and Commerce Street in Valhalla, as well as the crossing at the intersection of Roaring Brook Road and the Saw Mill River Parkway in Chappaqua. The Cleveland Street grade crossing is directly adjacent to the Valhalla train station, and the Commerce Street crossing is the site of the horrific accident which occurred earlier this year. Furthermore, the Roaring Brook Road grade crossing is within a half mile of the Horace Greeley High School, putting parents and young drivers at risk.

The MTA recently announced that it is planning on analyzing all 437 grade crossings within its purview. We respectfully request that the Cleveland Street, Commerce Street and Roaring Brook crossings be made a priority. The town of Mount Pleasant is developing its own report in the coming weeks and will be happy to share its information with your organization.

Furthermore, it has been requested that the Roaring Brook Road crossing be added to the Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program list for Region 8.

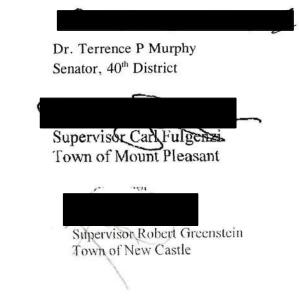


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CO-CHAIR HEROIN TASK FORCE COMMITTEES BANKS ETHICS HEALTH INVESTIGATIONS & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS LABOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MENTAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES We sincerely hope we can partner together on this important issue for the towns of New Castle, home to our Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, and Mount Pleasant. Having spoken with other officials throughout the Hudson Valley, it is clear that in the wake of this year's accident the safety of grade crossings need to be examined closely in the name of public safety. We applaud your efforts in this endeavor, and look forward to a productive partnership that we believe will save lives.

Thank you again for your attention on this important matter, and we look forward to a prompt response regarding the MTA's plans moving forward.

Sincerely,



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