Our transit system is in serious financial jeopardy. The system needs more money, not less. Dedicated
funding is necessary to avoid the end of an affordable and reliable bus system in Nassau County.

The ensuing impacts of these cuts have impacted millions of city and suburban riders with greater
worker productivity, added commuter costs, and overcrowded buses. The elimination of shuttle
services has increased ridership to other lines and closures of hundreds of bus stops, the
elimination of two state's budget gap. This measure, which was not considered for this transit funding
source, resulted in the elimination of 30 bus routes. In December 2009, the state legislature took
$1.4 million in dedicated transit funds.

result in either service cuts, layoffs, fare increases, and/or system disruption.

We urge you to keep transit funding intact. Any additional cuts on transit's dedicated taxes will likely
result in shorter service cuts, layoffs, fare increases, and/or system disruption.

Reductions for state fiscal year 2010-2011 of $375 million or more.

concerns about the potential diversion of dedicated transit funding to address further budget
shortfalls make it imperative that the Regional Transportation Advisory Board, representing a

Dear Governor Patterson and Governor-Elect Cuomo:

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Sincerely,

make New York Strong.

The Governor and State Legislatures have significant control over the outcome. We urge you to stop the

discounted transportation for 550,000 middle- and high-school student in New York City
and, the state has reduced its aid to the MTA. Including a $20 million cut in supporting free or
Revenue sources that maintain the system are generating hundreds of millions less than anticipated.