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Dear Ms. Slevin, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Alexander:

I thank you for your letter dated September 20th, 2010, received September 29, 2010 and for your shared concern for the riders of Long Island Bus. I am committed to continuing bus operations in Nassau County and investigating all options to provide this service as cost effectively and efficiently as possible.

That being said, Nassau County is facing an unprecedented \$343 million deficit in 2011. I have made tough decisions through workforce reductions and structural reforms to close this deficit. In doing so, I chose to fully fund social service programs and senior citizen services while not burdening our residents with a property tax hike.

As County Executive, I am committed to creating jobs and opportunities for Nassau County residents. At a time when our construction trades are facing 40% unemployment, I don't believe it is wise to raise revenue for LI Bus at the expense of Nassau's capital programs which create significant private sector job opportunities. With families and seniors struggling to make ends meet, I cannot cut mandated funding to social services which serve our most vulnerable residents nor will I increase property taxes. I hope you take the time to further examine the economic climate we live in and the impact it has had on Nassau residents.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Very truly yours,

Edward P. Mangano

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