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James P. Brown
General Chairman
New Jersey Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

Dear Chairman Brown,

We are writing to you regarding a potential strike of the roughly 500 NJ TRANSIT locomotive engineers. It is our understanding that a vote will take place before August 31 and we would like to meet with you beforehand to discuss our mutual concerns.

We are aware that NJ TRANSIT locomotive engineers have not received a raise since October 2019—despite rising inflation and cost of living expenses. Locomotive engineers are critical to New Jersey's transit infrastructure, and they deserve a safe working environment and fair and just wages for the vital services they provide.

As you may be aware, there are certain budgetary choices that have been called into question regarding NJ TRANSIT and its anticipated budget shortfall. We believe full transparency on this issue is imperative given the growing operating deficits that NJ TRANSIT faces going forward.

Another concern we all share is how a potential strike would impact transit riders. As you know, one million customers a day use NJ TRANSIT's trains, busses, light rails, and Access Link services. Assuring riders that the quality of the services they rely on to commute to work or visit loved ones will remain consistent and affordable is extremely important, as is their safety and security.

We hope that you will accept our invitation to meet to discuss these mutual concerns and to work together for the benefit of engineers, transit riders and all of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Anthony M. Bucco in black ink.

Anthony M. Bucco
Senate Republican Leader

Handwritten signature of John DiMaio in black ink.

John DiMaio
Assembly Republican Leader