



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement from Senator Martin Malavé Dilan, Re: MTA Financial Plan

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"Keeping services in tact must remain a priority for the MTA during this process. While I am fully aware of the financial strain the State, City and authority faces, the MTA must weigh every option to maintain services, especially services as vital as the reduced fare for school children program."

I agree with Mr. Walder: the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's budget approved earlier today is only the beginning of the process. I look forward to an open dialogue with the Chairman as the authority moves toward a spending plan that is in the best interest of all New Yorkers, this year and next."