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## Senator Hannon Joins Long Island Majority Delegation to Call for MTA to Protect LIRR Riders from Fare Increase

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Bethpage, NY - Senator Hannon joined Majority Leader Flanagan and the Senate Majority's Long Island Delegation today at the Bethpage Train Station to announce their efforts to force the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) to provide fare relief to the region's long-suffering commuters.

"The MTA continues to make illogical attempts to drive up costs for commuters by proposing a 4% increase in the monthly LIRR commutation ticket," said Senator Kemp Hannon. "The MTA needs to ensure proper and reliable service before another dollar is taken from Long Island commuters. Despite significant unreliability, equipment failures and delays, they continue to place a tremendous burden on working Long Islanders."

The focus of the press conference was the delegation's joint call for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to put any proposed 2019 fare hike on hold through at least 2021 until it makes measurable improvements in service, equipment failures and delays.

Any residents or commuter who would like to join the call for the MTA to provide riders with better service before considering fare increases is urged to visit [www.hannon.nysenate.gov](http://www.hannon.nysenate.gov).

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