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Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Calls MTA Vote To Hire 500 New Police Officers Wrong Priority

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NEW YORK - Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris criticized the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board's decision to spend \$250 million on new police officers amid the agency's ongoing service crisis.

"Subway crime is at a low point - and so is service quality. The subway system desperately needs more elevators, more reliable service, and fair fares. It does not need 500 new police officers," said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**.
"This decision reflects the MTA's continuing misplaced priorities."

Senator Gianaris has fought the proposal to hire 500 additional MTA officers, co-signing a letter with U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to the Governor opposing the additional officers. Most recently Senator Gianaris appeared at a rally outside MTA headquarters denouncing the planned vote.