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## Joint Statement from Senators Martin Malavé Dilan and Bill Perkins

"As chairs of our respective committees, this morning we met with Jay Walder, the Governor's nominee to head the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Mr. Walder's background certainly demonstrates his acumen for managing large-scale public transportation authorities. We were pleased to have the opportunity to speak with him on his past accomplishments and if confirmed, how he would proceed to foster a new, fiscally-sound and transparent MTA that both improves upon service and restores public trust and confidence.

It was a positive meeting and we both look forward to hearing from Mr. Walder as the confirmation process continues."

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