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Mr. Jay H. Walder, Chairman & CEO
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Ms. Helena Williams, President
Long Island Rail Road
Jamaica Station Building
Jamaica, New York 11435

Dear Mr. Walder and Ms. Williams:

I am writing to you with regard to recent reports about debris along Long Island Rail Road tracks.

A recent *Newsday* report showed a number of areas where the LIRR has littered the right of way along its tracks with old railroad ties, pieces of rail, and other construction debris. Such debris is not only a blight for residents and commuters in those areas, it has also led to injuries to LIRR workers walking on the tracks.

LIRR officials correctly noted that this is completely unacceptable, and that they have a responsibility to the surrounding communities and their riders to do a cleanup.

I am requesting that you provide me with a schedule of when the affected areas will be cleaned. In addition, please inform me about the corrective action the MTA and LIRR are taking to prevent this from happening in the future.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

SENATOR CHARLES J. FUSCHILLO, JR.
Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee

