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Honorable Lee M. Zeldin
New York State Senate
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Dear Senator Zeldin:

Thank you for your letter of May 16, 2011, regarding oversight of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), and for your specific suggestions concerning areas where cost savings may be found.

As you know, I have made our ongoing independent review of the MTA one of the Office of the State Comptroller's highest priorities. Our auditors have been onsite at the MTA on a continuous basis, conducting numerous audits and reviewing various programs, services, expenditures and functions, as well as the MTA's overtime costs and use of consultant services. Our findings have been given to the MTA and State leaders in addition to being publicly released on a regular basis. For details on the work completed thus far, see audits on our website at www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/auditAgencyList.htm and reports at www.osc.state.ny.us/osdc/index.htm.

Our findings to date portray an agency that has not met its own standards and goals for operations, and clearly has frustrated many in the riding public, along with our State's taxpayers. Countless New Yorkers rely on this vast, complex system, which has experienced numerous problems and reductions in service while continuing to raise fares. The MTA will continue to receive close scrutiny from this Office.

The current forensic audit on overtime is underway, and findings will be released in a series of reports in the coming months. I have shared your letter with staff in our Division of State Government Accountability, and we will carefully review your suggestions for additional examinations and include them as possible focus areas in our audit planning.

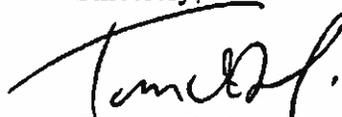
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I appreciate your commitment and attention to these issues, and look forward to working with you and other members of the Legislature to improve the MTA's operations and service, and to protect the interests of riders and taxpayers. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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State Comptroller