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Hon, Amy Paulin, Chair, New York State Assembly Committee on Corporation, Authorities and Commissions
Hon. Leroy Comrie, Chair, New York State Senate on Corporations, Authorities and commissions
Hon. Timothy Kennedy, Chair, New York State Senate Committee on Transportation

Dear Assemblywoman Paulin & Senators Comrie and Kennedy:

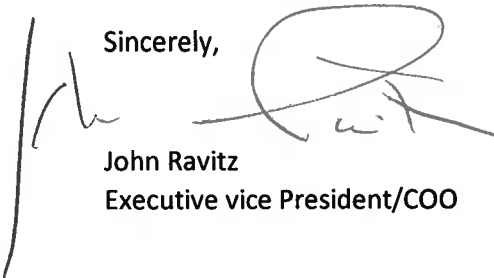
I am the Vice President/COO of The Business Council of Westchester (BCW), the county's only business membership organization focusing on economic development and advocacy. We have over 1,000 members which include multinational corporations, hospitals, universities, biotech pioneers, not-for profits, and companies of all sizes.

One of the top legislative priorities of the BCW has always been and will continue to be for New York State to provide the necessary funding for the state's transportation system. We have always stated that having an effective transportation infrastructure, which provides safe reliable and accessible transportation throughout the region is essential to economic development and smart growth. In Westchester County.

We are fortunate to have three Metro-North lines serving our county. The investment that is included in the MTA's 2020-2024 Capitol Program includes many vital programs that will help provide and, in some cases, improve services for Westchester's transportation infrastructure. The BCW supports the MTA's Capitol Program. Having the funding for this program will send a strong message to the business community that New York State is laser focused on funding programs that will recruit and retain businesses throughout New York State.

I hope that the New York State Legislature will support the MTA's 2020-2024 Capital Program. The BCW looks forward to working with you and your colleagues on this and other critical economic development issues during the 202 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,



John Ravitz
Executive vice President/COO