

Assemblywoman Hyer-Spencer: Fight the MTA's injustice!

"The MTA's payroll tax and planned service cuts to seniors, students and people with disabilities are prime examples of what's wrong with this agency's management. Instead of cutting our train services, MTA officials should be cutting their own lofty salaries and benefits packages. Sign the petition below and add your name to the list of residents who are fed up with the MTA."

– Assemblywoman Janele Hyer-Spencer



Name: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

To sign the petition electronically, send an e-mail to HyerSpencerD@assembly.state.ny.us with your name, address, phone number and the subject heading "MTA petition."

Background info:

- To fill its \$383 million budget gap, the MTA is eliminating free Metrocards for city students and cutting paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities.
- The MTA is cutting services to the following bus lines: S42, S54, S57, S60, S66 and S67 in Staten Island; and X27, B9, B16, B37 and B64 in Bay Ridge.
- Hyer-Spencer is calling for the MTA to cut perks, bonuses and salaries of high-paid employees – before cutting crucial services that people count on.
- MTA Chair Jay Walder makes an annual salary of \$350,000, receives \$22,000 a year in a retirement account and has a housing allowance for up to one year.
- The Empire Center for New York State Policy reported last year that more than 10 percent of MTA employees were paid more than \$100,000 — and many were paid 100 percent more than their initial base salaries.
- The MTA's service cuts and planned student fare increases will further hurt residents in this difficult economic time.
- Hyer-Spencer voted against the payroll tax in May and is pushing for a bill that requires all schools be reimbursed for the payroll tax (A.8726).

Please fill out and mail to Assemblywoman Janele Hyer-Spencer, 586 Midland Ave., Suite 1B, Staten Island, NY 10306 or 7606 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209