

Dear Hon. Governor Cuomo and Mr. Prendergast, CEO NYMTA,

Thank you for your leadership in establishing climate change and pollution reduction as central to New York's transportation efforts. We, the undersigned, urge you to accelerate the integration of Zero Emission Buses into our state transit fleets as a key strategy to achieve reductions in carbon pollution from the transportation sector.

Adding Zero Emission Buses to our transit fleet is **consistent** NYC's goal to reduce transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030 and with NY State and NYC's goals to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050.

Zero Emission Buses make our neighborhoods healthier and more livable.. Diesel exhaust contains more than forty toxic air contaminants that can cause and/or worsen diseases such as asthma and cancer. Air pollution disproportionately impacts low-income neighborhoods and communities of color in urban areas of NY. Zero Emission Buses will decrease the dangerous particulate pollution that makes employees sick, leading to lost work days and driving up insurance costs. Asthma costs NY employers, consumers, and taxpayers hundreds of millions each year through lost school and workdays, medical costs, and early deaths. Zero Emission Buses are quieter, making our neighborhoods more livable.

Zero Emission Buses reduce carbon emissions up to 270,000 pounds per year per bus compared to diesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. Electrifying our bus fleets will help NYC meet its climate goals. Hurricane Sandy cost New York businesses billions in damages and lost revenue and showed us just how vulnerable our communities are to the effects of climate disruption. Our transportation sector is only adding to this pressure.

Zero Emission Buses reduce fueling and maintenance costs. They can be hundreds of thousands of dollars a year less expensive to fuel and repair each than diesel and CNG buses.

Zero Emission Buses reduce oil dependence. They rely on electricity from domestic sources of energy and keep the energy-related profits and jobs here in the US.

We the undersigned New York City businesses support the transition in the NYMTA to Zero Emission Buses such that we can meet our shared goals of cleaner air for New Yorkers, reduce air quality-related illnesses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make our neighborhoods more welcoming.

We support the NYMTA in its current pilot project to lease 10 electric buses, and ask the agency to make a serious and speedy switch to an electric fleet. Specifically we ask that MTA:

1. Commit to add at least 200 more Zero Emission Buses and significantly increase electric non-revenue fleet cars by 2019.
2. Commit to all zero emission transit bus purchases by 2030

For the health of our environment and our community, we need to leave diesel and natural gas buses behind and invest in a fleet of Zero Emission Buses. We urge NYMTA to invest in the health of our community and our environment by significantly scaling up investment in Zero Emission Buses. New York must take bolder action to be a true leader on clean transportation.

Respectfully,

Abode New York
Anna Corinna
Anthony's Unisex Salon
Area Kids

Atelier Mira
Bar Omar
Beam: Modern Home Decor, Furniture and
Lighting in Williamsburg
Bedford Convenience Inc.

Bedford on Bedford	JC Chang Grocery
Berlyn65	Joe Libratore's Garden of Plenty
Biancardi Meats	JS Laundromat
Bicycle Doctor	Kinloch Salon
Botanikal Metaphysical Boutique	Kosova Commerce
Brasserie Witlof of NYC	La Cantina Wine
Brooklyn Reclamation	La Guolette Restaurant
Brooklyn Standard	LAB Brooklyn
By Robert James, Menswear	Le Grand Strip
Cadet	Life Curated
Cafe El Mercato	Lucy's Unisex Hair Styling
Calabria Pork Store	Luna Cafe
Cerini Coffee and Gifts	Marie's Fresh Roasted Coffee Beans and Gifts
Champion Coffee	Martinez Transport
Clean Green Cleaners	Mini Jake
Cobble Hill Think Tank After School Tutoring	Modo Yoga
Cosena Fish Market	Motif Lover
Depanneur Restaurant	Mount Carmel Wine & Spirits
Dim Sum Bar	Myrka Castillo
Eddie's Plumbing	Nathaly's Nails
Esquire Exterminators	ND Cigars - La Casa Grande Cigar Company
Essbar	New Amsterdam Fencing Academy
Estrellita Poblano III	New Wave Hair Cutters
Felix's Custom Tee Shirts & Alterations	North 7 Cleaner
Felttraiger	Parisienne Cafe
Fire Dance Wine & Spirit	Parkchester Home Realty & Property Management
First Wine & Spirits	PH7 Nail Couture
Full Moon Pizza	Pilgrim Surf and Supply
Geometry Kids	Pops of Brooklyn
Gotan Cafe	Priya Eyebrow Threading and Spa
Green in Bkln	Protozoa
Green Point Cheese and Meat	Pudge Knuckles
Greenhouse & Co.	Puerh Brooklyn LLC
Hello Beautiful	Pure Habitat NYC
Hustler's Parlor	Robinson Brooklyn Tailor
ID Menswear Brooklyn	Rockin Locks Salon for Kids

Rodriguez Groceries
Ruben's Mexican Restaurant
Sal's Gourmet Deli
Salt + Charcoal
Sew Good Cleaners
Slapback
Soap Cherie
Spoonbill & Sugartown Booksellers
Suzie Food Corp.
Swallow Cafe

Sweatshop
Tapas Italiano
Terrigno Discount
Think Closet
Tino's Delicatessen
Tony's Pizzeria
Two Brother's Gourmet Deli Corp
Unisex # 2 Barber Shop
Vine Box Wine Store
Walter Worldwide

cc: Mayor DeBlasio, NYMTA, NYCTA