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Janno Lieber
Chair and CEO, Metropolitan Transit Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

CC: Richard Davey, President, New York City Transit
Frank Annicaro, Senior Vice President, New York City Transit Department of Buses

Dear Chair and CEO Lieber:

As the elected officials who represent the current and proposed route of the B48 bus, we are writing in strong opposition to the MTA's proposal to reroute and cut B48 service as part of the Brooklyn Bus Redesign draft plan. We have significant concerns about these plans removing a vital connection between Western Crown Heights and Greenpoint without any adequate transit replacement.

The proposed changes would reduce overall bus service to parts of North Brooklyn by replacing the B48 with the B69, a bus that runs less frequently along the Lorimer St and Nassau Ave corridors. The changes would also eliminate overnight service along these routes, leaving our constituents with fewer transit options for work or recreation in the late night and early morning.

We have heard lots of concern from riders about these changes, and over 1,000 B48 riders have signed a petition in opposition: <https://www.change.org/p/save-the-b48-to-greenpoint>

We are calling upon the MTA to commit to the following:

1. Reverse course on its plans to reroute the B48 away from Greenpoint and commit to preserving the B48's existing route between Crown Heights and Greenpoint.
2. Reverse course on plans to cut overnight service on the B48 and commit to maintaining or increasing service levels on the B48.

We appreciate MTA's stated commitment to public feedback on the bus redesign plan. Accordingly, we would appreciate receiving these commitments from you before the public release of the final draft of the Brooklyn Bus Redesign later in the year.

Sincerely,



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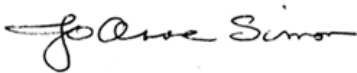
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