

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 17, 2017

The Honorable Charlie Baker
Governor of Massachusetts
State House, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Stephanie Pollack
Secretary and Chief Executive Officer
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Governor Baker and Secretary Pollack:

We write on behalf of the International Association of Machinists Local 264. We understand that outsourcing bus maintenance at the MBTA is an option under consideration. IAM Local 264 has expressed to us a willingness to sit down and negotiate an agreement that would meet the needs of the MBTA and preserve the experience and knowledge of these hard working MBTA employees.

We as elected officials do not attempt to insert ourselves into the substance of collective bargaining between management and a bargaining unit. However, we firmly believe that such good faith negotiations over the wages, work conditions, and benefits can have a positive effect for employees and management. Of course this is something you saw first hand when the Carmen's Union Local 589 approved an agreement that saved the MBTA money, which the MBTA Fiscal Control Board quickly ratified. IAM Local 264 seeks only the same opportunity to negotiate.

Hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents use MBTA bus service every day. For many it is their only available public transit service. A well-functioning, sustainable MBTA is in everyone's interest. We think those interests will be best served by sitting down and negotiating with your employees on major issues of concern to them so an agreement can be found that you both wholeheartedly support. We urge you to do so.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Capuano
Member of Congress



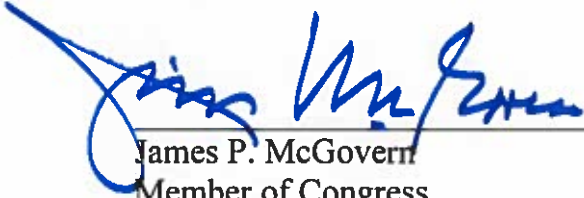
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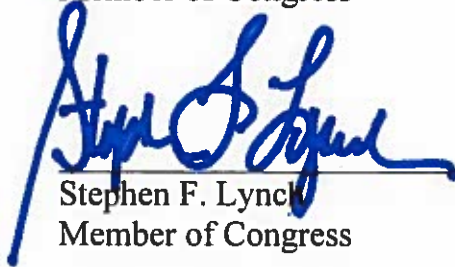
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