

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 22, 2024

Abdellah Chajai
CEO, Keolis Commuter Services
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Boston, MA 02109

Dear Mr. Chajai,

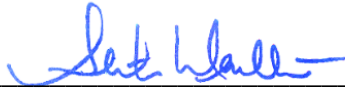
We write regarding the ongoing contract negotiations between Keolis and the 13 unions representing the MBTA Commuter Rail workers. We urge you to remain at the bargaining table and negotiate contracts in good faith with Keolis' Commuter Rail employees.

The MBTA Commuter Rail is an essential service for over 100,000 daily riders and critical to the economy of Massachusetts. However, MBTA Commuter Rail employees are some of the only workers in Massachusetts without sick time and they are among the lowest paid rail workers in the industry, making 12% less than Amtrak employees.

Critically, the importance of public transportation continues to grow. Current commitments to turn the Commuter Rail into an electric, all-day service with substantially increased frequencies makes these workers vital for addressing climate change, solving our housing crisis, and expanding economic opportunity to Massachusetts residents.

Our workers deserve fair compensation and benefits to ensure a living wage and dignified employment. As these negotiations proceed, we respectfully request all parties negotiate in good faith with the urgency needed to meet this moment.

Sincerely,



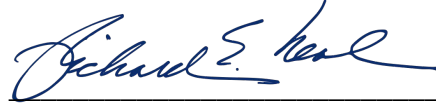
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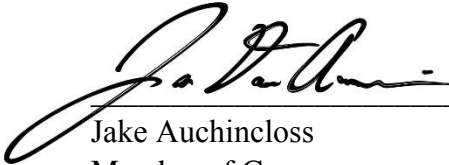
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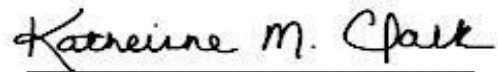
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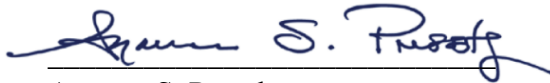
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