

December 7, 2018

Hon. Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Transportation
State of New Jersey
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, NJ 08625-0600

Re: Feasibility Study of Mid-Town Direct Train Service on Raritan Valley Line

Dear Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti,

As you know, New Jersey Transit's Raritan Valley Line is one of only two rail lines in the NJ Transit system that does not have a peak period "one-seat" ride into New York Penn Station. In order to receive equitable allocation, we support the bi-partisan RVL Mayors Alliance, representing the 28 towns on or along the RVL, in their efforts to get peak period direct service for more than 23,000 commuters.

As a bi-partisan group of Senators representing over 300,000 constituents along the RVL, we respectfully ask for an analysis as to the feasibility of implementing weekday peak period service and, secondarily, weekend direct train service on the RVL. We believe the acquisition of dual-power locomotives makes this an appropriate time to implement peak period service on the RVL. We anticipate the analysis would address the cost of such service, timeframe and the effect on ridership on both the RVL and other lines.

The positive impact of direct train service during peak hours is clear and significant for our commuters. Even more critical is the future economic vitality and growth of the communities along the Raritan Valley Line.

Respectfully,

Hon. Christopher S. Bateman, 16th District

Hon. Robert Smith, 17th District

Hon. Patrick J. Diegnan Jr., 18th District

Hon. Joseph P. Cryan, 20th District

Hon. Thomas H. Kean Jr., 21st District

Hon. Nicholas P. Scutari, 22nd District

Hon. Michael J. Doherty, 23rd District

cc: Hon. Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate President
Executive Director Kevin S. Corbett, New Jersey Transit
RVL Mayors Alliance

