

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

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Chairman

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BY HAND

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The Honorable Vincent Prieto
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Gentlemen:

I welcomed the opportunity to meet with you both today to discuss the ongoing reform process at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and in particular the recent recommendations of the Special Panel on the Future of the Port Authority appointed by Governors Christie and Cuomo, including the possibility of service changes on the PATH commuter rail system.

Before addressing the specific recommendations involving PATH, I would like to reiterate my enthusiasm for future legislative reform of the Port Authority. As discussed, the Port Authority's Board of Commissioners and staff, with the full support of Governors Christie and Cuomo, look forward to working with you and the legislatures in both New Jersey and New York to develop legislation codifying the historic governance reforms contained in the Special Panel Report, to ensure that those reforms are lasting. We also welcome the opportunity to engage in a dialog with legislators in both states with respect to additional reforms that would improve the transparency and accountability of the agency.

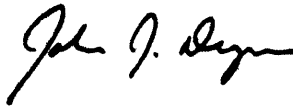
With respect to PATH, please allow me to reiterate that consideration of a possible reduction in overnight PATH service, with substituted bus service, was one of many ideas expressed by the Panel for potential further consideration. Understanding that an in-depth analysis of both usage levels and the demographics of the affected riders would be necessary before drawing conclusions from the preliminary data, it seemed that such an option was at least worth considering, subject to public input.

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You asked me to meet with you today regarding the possibility of service reductions at PATH and, in our discussions, requested that the Port Authority table consideration of this recommendation. I have agreed to do so. As we discussed, the Panel's suggestion has not even been presented to the Board of Commissioners. Were the Board to take up this issue in the future, any proposed reduction in PATH service would first require detailed study, consultation with local public officials and other interested parties, and of course a series of public hearings to be attended by Commissioners, including me. You have my assurance that, as always, none of these steps will be taken without consultation with you as well as other legislative leaders in both states.

Thank you again for taking the time to discuss these issues with me. I look forward to working with you and your colleagues as we continue to work toward our shared goal of a more effective and responsive Port Authority.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Degnan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

John J. Degnan
Chairman