



## New Jersey Association of Railroad Passengers

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Hon. Brad Hoylman  
State Senator- 27<sup>th</sup> District  
State of New York District Office  
322 Eighth Avenue, Suite 1700  
New York, NY 10001

RE: Proposed No. 7 Subway Train Extension to New Jersey

Dear Senator Hoylman:

The New Jersey Association of Railroad Passengers (NJ-ARP) whose website is [www.nj-arp.org](http://www.nj-arp.org) is the leading rail passenger organization in New Jersey and a not-for-profit corporation established in 1980 by concerned New Jersey residents who wanted a greater voice in deciding the transit future of our region. Recently, we came across your January 17, 2014 letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York regarding extending the No. 7 Subway Line to the Frank R. Lautenberg Station in Secaucus, NJ. It is a goal we fully endorse and support.

As you eloquently encapsulated in your letter, there are benefits for both New York and New Jersey. New Jersey residents would have the ability to get to employers on the east side of Manhattan without the current scramble from either New York Penn Station (NYP) or the Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT). Buses could terminate in Secaucus and riders could board the #7 train thus alleviating the severe congestion in Manhattan at the PABT. This would save riders valuable time and reduce congestion and air pollution all at the same time. New York residents would benefit by having a connection to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLRT) system by which they could reach jobs along New Jersey's "Gold Coast". At present, New Yorkers either have to travel via PATH to Hoboken, Newport, Grove Street or Exchange Place and either walk or transfer to HBLRT. Our vision of the #7 extension would include a stop in Hoboken which will allow maximum benefit for New Yorkers to access HBLRT. Such a connection would also benefit Staten Islanders who already travel to Bayonne, NJ via the New York MTA S89 bus, or by car, and board HBLRT for the "Gold Coast" or for fast connections to downtown Manhattan via PATH's Exchange Place station or New York Waterway ferry's Paulus Hook terminal.

In NJ-ARP's view, the extension is a win-win situation for both states and its advanced feasibility study should proceed without delay to the benefit of our respective states

residents. Please let us know how we can help move this project along as we would be happy to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Resto', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leonard Resto  
President

Cc: Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor, State of New York  
Hon. Chris Christie, Governor, State of New Jersey  
Hon. Nicholas Sacco, Chair, Senate Transportation Committee  
Hon. John Wisniewski, Chair, Assembly Transportation Sub-Committee  
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