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Dear Mr. Rosen:

In response to the letter dated April 28, 2010 from Assembly Budget Committee Chairman Greenwald, below are our responses to questions raised during our hearing on April 26, 2010.

Assemblyman Schaer:

Q: **Please provide to the committee a list of the bus routes discontinued by New Jersey Transit.**

A: The contracted private carrier bus routes, funded by NJ TRANSIT, that will be discontinued are: #970 & 971 (Bergen/Passaic Minibus), #978 & 979 (Essex/Middlesex Minibus), #981 & 305 (Hudson County Wheels Minibus), #884 & 980 (Hunterdon/Somerset/Union Minibus), MCM 4, 5 & 7 (Morris County Rural), #973 & 967 (Morris/Warren Minibus), #742 (Passaic Local), #423 (Salem County Local). The only NJ TRANSIT operated bus route that will be eliminated is the #134 (Middlesex County to Lower Manhattan).

Q: **Please provide the committee the number of passenger miles eliminated, and the number of passengers projected to be lost from the reduction in bus service.**

A: From among the more than half million daily bus passengers served by NJ TRANSIT, approximately 700 bus riders will be affected by the elimination of bus routes beginning in May. Of these customers, about 600 are served by contracted private carrier routes that will be eliminated due to unsustainably low ridership. The remaining 100 customers use the NJ TRANSIT operated #134, which is also being eliminated due to low use. However, #134 riders will have access to alternative bus service provided by a private carrier in the area. Information on the number passenger miles eliminated by the contracted bus routes is not currently available. However, 135,000 annual passenger miles will be eliminated when the #134 route is discontinued.
Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these questions. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact John Leon, Senior Director - Government & Community Relations, at 973-491-8098, or ileon@njtransit.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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