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MTA Statement On TWU Local 100 Dues Restoration

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) last night served papers opposing Transport Workers Union Local 100's motion before the Kings County Supreme Court for reinstatement of the right to dues deductions directly from member paychecks. This right was forfeited indefinitely on June 1, 2007, as a result of the illegal December 2005 transit strike. MTA is opposing full restoration given the disruption caused by the strike and the union's reluctance to commit to comply with the Taylor Law. Due to the financial condition of the union and its vital role in employee relations at the MTA, the MTA has advocated for a conditional suspension of the dues deduction forfeiture that would allow the union to renew automatic dues collection on a probationary status. Under the conditional suspension, dues collection could be revoked if the union threatened to violate the law.

"This was an extremely difficult decision for the MTA," said Elliot G. Sander, MTA Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer. "The pain inflicted by the illegal 2005 strike has not worn off, but at the same time we have had good working relations with Roger Toussaint and understand the critical role that the union plays in keeping our system running smoothly. I believe that our position is the only one that recognizes both of these realities."

The MTA's position is not without precedent. Following the 1980 transit strike, the union lost its dues deduction right but was later granted a conditional suspension of the forfeiture on similar grounds when it sought restoration.

"We have already worked collaboratively with the union to address some longstanding issues, and I am confident that over the coming months and years the union will make increasingly clear its intention to be a productive partner in moving the MTA forward, and that we will be able to support a full restoration in the future," Sander said.

[Memorandum of Law of Plaintiffs in Opposition to the Union's Motion for Restoratio of the Right of Dues Checkoff](#)