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MTA Updates Public on Status of Erie and Niagara County Clerks' Trademark Infringement Activities That Are Targeting Immigrants

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today released details of its efforts to ensure the county clerks of Niagara and Erie Counties in Western New York cease and desist from using the MTA's trademarked phrase, "If you see something, say something" for the targeting of immigrants. The MTA finds this use abhorrent and contrary to New York values of inclusion and diversity.

Niagara County Clerk Joseph A. Jastrzemski has failed to respond to the MTA's demand to cease and desist from using the phrase. The MTA sent a follow-up letter today threatening legal action, [which is attached](#). [UPDATE: 6 p.m.: Mr. Jastrzemski has acknowledged receipt of both letters addressed to his office and informed the MTA that he has removed the signs using this phrase. The MTA thanks him for his understanding and cooperation.]

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns offered this reply to the MTA's demand saying, "I am consulting with counsel regarding your position and will not have a substantive response on your provided timeline." In response, the MTA today sent Kearns [the second attached letter](#).