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### MTA Senior Leadership Issues Joint Letter to Employees Regarding Recent Events

*On June 3, MTA Senior Leadership issued the below statement regarding recent events to all employees.*

Dear Colleagues,

It's been an incredibly challenging past few months, both for this region and for the MTA family. Throughout the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, we have been so inspired by, and proud of, your commitment and dedication to keeping this region's first responders and essential workers moving during these hard times, and we continue to grieve for each of those we have lost to the virus.

Today, though, we want to take a moment to reflect on heartbreaking tragedies of a different kind, including the senseless killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The resulting peaceful demonstrations in New York City and in cities throughout the nation serve as a powerful reminder of our country's ongoing and unfinished struggle against racism, and toward a just and equitable society.

In the midst of this latest moment of crisis, we are grateful that you have continued to serve this region and carry out our agency's mission with the utmost professionalism and dedication. We know that many of you are concerned about safety, which is always our first and foremost priority. Together, we condemn violence in all of its forms. We are working closely with the NYPD to monitor and respond to ongoing events, and our MTAPD officers have been present at key strategic locations, including riding on most train lines, to ensure your safety, the safety of our customers, and the security of our transportation network.

Even as we continue to provide critical transportation services for this region, it is important to recognize that these past days have been particularly difficult for many in the MTA family. We remain steadfast in our commitment to making sure that all employees and customers are treated with respect and dignity, as we work towards creating a fairer and more just society. As an agency, our roles and responsibilities are broader, which is why we strive to be a leader in diversity and inclusion in the workplace as well as support minority, disadvantaged, and veteran-owned businesses in contracting, including awarding \$66 million to certified MWBE/SDVOBs for our COVID-19 response since March. We will continue our mission of promoting diversity and equity, but we also recognize that we still have lengths to go.

We also want to let you know that we are here to listen to and support you – please reach out to your HR leader or supervisor, who can connect you to resources within each agency to provide the right support to help meet your needs.

Thank you for all that you do every day to keep this region moving, and please – stay healthy, and stay safe.

Pat Foye, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Mario Péroquin, Chief Operating Officer

Michael Garner, Chief Diversity Officer

Paul Fama, Chief People Officer

Bob Foran, Chief Financial Officer

Tom Quigley, General Counsel

Anthony McCord, Chief Transformation Officer

Raf Portnoy, Chief Technology Officer

Kuvesh Ayer, Chief Procurement Officer

Janno Lieber, Chief Development Officer

Sarah Feinberg, Interim President, New York City Transit

Cathy Rinaldi, President, Metro-North Railroad

Danny DeCrescenzo, President, Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Authority, Acting

Anni Zhu, Chief of Staff to the Chairman & CEO, Acting

Anita Miller Chief, Employee Relations and Administrative Officer

Pat Warren, Chief Safety Officer

Abbey Collins, Chief Communications Officer

Mark Dowd, Chief Innovation Officer

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