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Statement from MTA Chairman and CEO Patrick J. Foye on COVID Relief Bill

"We are relieved and thankful to see Congress pass another coronavirus relief bill that includes \$4 billion in federal relief for the MTA. This crucial funding will allow us to get through 2021 without devastating service cuts and layoffs of over 9,000 colleagues. To be clear, we are still facing an \$8 billion deficit in the years ahead, but this is a promising first step that will help protect the local, state and national economies in the short term. We hope any future bills will fully offset the impact of the pandemic as there can be no recovery without a strong public transportation system serving as the engine for progress.

"Thank you to Senate Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and the entire bipartisan New York Congressional delegation, led by Chair Nita Lowey, for delivering this great result for the MTA's customers and employees and for their hard work and continued support."

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