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LIRR

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Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on LIRR Derailment

"At approximately 9:10 p.m. this evening, a train on the Long Island Rail Road was heading eastbound on the mainline when the first three cars of a 12 car train derailed about one half mile east of the New Hyde Park Station. Approximately 600 passengers were on board at the time of tonight's incident. Thankfully, early reports indicate that injuries are minimal. At this time, 11 people have sustained injuries, none of which are considered to be serious.

"Service is currently suspended on Ronkonkoma, Oyster and Port Jefferson branches, and customers should use Montauk, Babylon and Hempstead lines at this time.

"Staff from the MTA and the LIRR are on the scene and will work around the clock to determine the cause of this derailment and restore service as quickly as possible.

"We will continue to provide the public with additional information as it becomes available."