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Dear Governor Cuomo:

The Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) represents Nassau County's 64 incorporated villages with more than 450,000 residents.

Recently, eight mayors of villages in close proximity to the Long Island Rail Road mainline corridor expressed their concerns regarding your proposed third track project. Their initial concerns and suggestions are described in the attached letter received by NCVOA from the Mainline Mayors, dated May 16, 2016. In essence, the Mainline Mayors and communities would (i) like to have a clear understanding on the justification for the third track project, as well as complete project details prior to making a commitment on the project; (ii) urge that the seven-point service improvement plan advocated by LIRR President Nowakowski be pursued prior to the project; and (iii) want to see the vital and universally desired grade crossing elimination project pursued in lieu of the third track project.

Also, as you know, the original third track project from almost a decade ago was met with longstanding community opposition. Your version has mitigated many of the major concerns; however, an undertaking of this magnitude warrants sufficient community input. The initial 60-day scoping period falls short of providing adequate time for such vital input, and we support the Mainline Mayors' call for extending the scoping period for the third track project.

Accordingly, the NCVOA supports the mainline villages' request for complete and timely disclosure of the full third track plan, as well as their request to extend the scoping period beyond its scheduled June 13, 2016 end date. This will provide additional opportunity for residents and businesses to contribute to the process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Donno, President
Nassau County Village Officials Association

cc: Mayor Schreiber, Village Bellerose; Mayor Tweedy, Village of Floral Park;
Mayor Episcopia, Village of Garden City; Mayor Strauss, Village of Mineola;
Mayor Lofaro, Village of New Hyde Park; Mayor Prime, Village of South Floral Park;
Mayor Tangredi, Village of Stewart Manor; Mayor Cavallaro, Village of Westbury

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