

## Statement by MTA CEO Julian Burke

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In June of this year, the MTA adopted principles specifically designed to protect employees impacted by the transfer of MTA service to any new zone. We believed, and still believe, that these principles were a reasonable approach to providing represented employees with the protections intended by SB-1101.

A week ago, the United Transportation Union leaders explicitly stated that the governor's signature on SB-1101 would lead to the resolution of this strike within 24 hours. With this legislative matter behind them, we implore the three labor unions representing MTA employees to negotiate with us in good faith and quickly resolve this labor dispute.

While these negotiations proceed, we urge the unions to allow our employees to return to work immediately and end this strike by the UTU, which has stranded hundreds of thousands of people.

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