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Hon. Betty Jean Grant
Legislative Chairperson
The Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street - 4th Floor
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Dear Madam Chair:

In 2008 I was honored to be selected by the Legislature to serve on the NFTA board of commissioners as its representative. My original term expired June 30th, 2011. I respectfully ask that in your deliberations, you consider re-appointing me as the Legislature's representative.

The efficient development and management of public transportation is more critical today than at any time in our nation's history. During my tenure as Commissioner the authority faced many challenges, including the hiring of a new Executive Director and General Counsel, along with managing current financial shortfalls resulting from reduced federal and state subsidies.

Giving back to the community is one of my primary goals. In addition to serving as a commissioner on the NFTA board, my community involvement includes membership on the Board of Directors of the Erie County SPCA, advisory board member Saint Vincent DePaul children's camp along with maintaining an active leadership role in the financial and operational activities of Queen of Heaven parish in West Seneca.

I am one of two principals at Midwood Financial Services, Inc. Midwood is the largest privately owned distributor of financial products and services through banks and regional brokerage firms in the United States. As a principal of a national financial services company, I have come to understand the escalating costs of transportation and the negative financial impact on the bottom line of many business and public enterprises.

We must all work together to efficiently expand and support the infrastructure of the public transportation sector.

I am looking forward to speaking with you directly regarding my re-appointment.

Sincerely,



James J. Eagan

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