

# Open Letter to Governor Hochul

## Sign Death Gamble Bill A7563/S7224!

Dear Governor Hochul,

We don't run into burning buildings and we don't arrest criminals but what we do is run your Transit System. We work 24/7/365. We work in all weather, holidays, weekends and nights. We sacrifice the majority of our younger years working terrible hours and missing family events because we don't have seniority. We are assaulted, spit on and cursed at every day by a riding public that blames us for the failings of an agency that we don't control.

Come hell or high water, every day thousands of dedicated, tough New York City Transit Workers move millions of New Yorkers. And when the call goes out that a storm is coming and New Yorkers are hunkering down safely at home in front of a warm fire, we are doing the opposite: heading into work to back up the system to ensure that we keep the NYC Transit system running during and after the storm.

After doing all of this and giving all that you have for 25 years and being 55 years old and eligible to retire, we should not have to fear that if we die our loved ones will not receive the pension that we and our spouses have sacrificed for, because when we're at work dealing with the crisis of the day our city goes through, our spouses are on their own, home and stressed out carrying all the burdens a family goes through. These are the sacrifices the families of Transit workers make every day for the people of New York.

*No Transit Worker should ever have to put their hard-earned pension and their family's economic stability in jeopardy by gambling because they continued to work when they could have retired.*

**AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
WE ARE RESPECTFULLY CALLING ON YOU TO DO WHAT'S  
RIGHT AND FIX THIS INJUSTICE TO ALL TRANSIT WORKERS  
AND  
SIGN THE DEATH GAMBLE BILL A7563/S7224!**

Sincerely,

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