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NOTICE TO ALL ATU LOCAL 85 MEMBERS March 17, 2020

As the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve both globally and locally, we find ourselves in the midst of unprecedented challenge, particularly since we deliver service directly to the public. In the face of this challenge, our paramount concern is your safety and well-being. Understandably, many of you have reached out with questions concerning a variety of issues related to your day to day work life, how it will be impacted, and what is being done to address those concerns. We have detailed your concerns to the Port Authority, including the availability of hand sanitizers and restroom facilities on routes, social distancing in order to separate riders from operators, rear door entry, elimination of direct rider to operator fare collection, and the preservation of pay in the event of service reduction/elimination.

In order to immediately resolve these issues, we have scheduled an emergency meeting with Port Authority leadership at 11 A.M. tomorrow morning. At the conclusion of our meeting with Port Authority leadership, we will again communicate directly with you to update you on the specifics of our plan moving forward. As we all face this extraordinary crisis, we are committed to doing everything possible to ensure your safety as well as the safety of the riding public.

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