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Statement of NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign on Newly Appointed MTA Chair/CEO Joseph Lhota

The Straphangers Campaign today expressed praise for the appointment of Joseph Lhota as Chairman and CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

"Job #1 for Mr. Lhota now is to develop a rescue plan to save riders suffering from a tidal wave of delays, poorly-performing subway cars, and severely aging equipment," said Campaign attorney Gene Russianoff. "Such a plan requires Mr. Lhota to win substantial new financial resources to fix the ailing system with the help of his boss, Governor Andrew Cuomo."

"During his brief tenure as MTA Chair in 2010, Mr. Lhota was accessible and often listened to riders concerns," said Campaign coordinator Jaqi Cohen. For example, she noted that he abandoned his original call for eliminating the MetroCard bonus.

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