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MTA Metro-North Railroad
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February 2, 2015

Dear President Joseph Giulietti,

In response to complaints by constituents concerning freight trains stopping and idling near the Marble Hill Metro North station I am requesting the Metropolitan Transportation Authority begin a study of the flow of freight train traffic in the area. This study should examine: ways to lower train-stopping time, train emissions and list the contents of train cargo.

This study is needed to make sure idling trains are not polluting the air to the extent where it can impact the health of area residents. By studying ways to better the flow of traffic and reduce train wait times; emissions and the nuisance of loud trains to neighborhood residents can be reduced. The last component of this study should be an analysis of what is being carried by these trains. Residents have a right to know what is being hauled through their community.

I would greatly appreciate your attention to this matter. I am confident this proposed study would yield a solution that improves the quality of life for Marble Hill residents, without impeding the operations of Metro North or the freight trains that use your tracks.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adriano Espallat', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Senator Adriano Espallat

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