



Legislation Text

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Resolution supporting the enactment of New York State Senate bill, S.1008, that would establish a Metropolitan Transportation Authority operating oversight committee which would be responsible for reviewing all financial records and operating budget proposals of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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Whereas, The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), like many other public agencies in New York State, faces a large budget deficit in 2003; and

Whereas, As a public agency, the MTA has a responsibility to spend taxpayer money efficiently and effectively and to be accountable to the public that it serves; and

Whereas, In recent months, there has been a chorus of New Yorkers calling for the MTA to provide more timely, accessible, and comprehensive budget information; and

Whereas, Members of the New York State Senate have introduced S.1008, legislation that would force the MTA to provide more timely budget information and establish a MTA operating oversight committee which would audit the agency's finances; and

Whereas, Such a committee would be composed of six members appointed by New York State and City elected officials; and

Whereas, The MTA denies that its budget numbers are not clear and does not see the need for such oversight; and

Whereas, On March 6, 2003, the MTA Board approved sweeping fare and toll increases with little oversight on the state level; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Council of the City of New York supports the enactment of New York State Senate bill, S.1008, which would establish a Metropolitan Transportation Authority operating oversight committee which would be responsible for reviewing all financial records and operating budget proposals of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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