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Building & Construction Industry's Capacity to Implement the 2025-2029 MTA Capital Program

As leaders in the building and construction industry in New York and beyond, we write to express our strong support for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) 2025–2029 Capital Plan, and to express our confidence in the capacity of our industry to deliver this plan.

Investing in the MTA Capital Program is essential to New York's economic vitality and the future of transit in our region. This plan will create tens of thousands of well-paying jobs across the construction and professional services industries, and it will generate a significant multiplier effect by spurring additional economic activity. Our industry can attest that while the 2025–2029 Capital Plan is bold, it is absolutely achievable. We have the workforce, we have the expertise, and moreover we have the determination to implement this program and ensure that all capital work can and will be completed for New Yorkers.

For decades, our industry has partnered with the MTA to execute its Capital Program, delivering transformative projects such as the Second Avenue Subway and East Side Access. The establishment of the MTA Construction & Development department has continued to streamline project delivery—and the building industry's members remain at the forefront, leading efforts to innovate and deliver on behalf of our region.

The statewide building industry is on track to exceed its pre-pandemic employment levels, and continued investment by the MTA will support this upward trajectory. Regular, robust capital investments are critical not only for improving our transportation infrastructure, but also for sustaining a thriving building industry. As an industry, we have continually grown in numbers and expertise, and we are more than prepared to take on additional construction work in the coming years.

Furthermore, recent advancements in MTA project delivery have proven that funding the Capital Program is a smart, efficient investment. From streamlining and simplifying scope on signal modernization work to embracing new delivery models that leverage industry expertise, MTA modernization initiatives have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in savings. This translates to greater returns for taxpayers, ensuring safe and reliable service, improved customer experiences, and a strengthened fight against climate change. The upcoming capital plan is poised to set a new standard for the effective use of public funds.

Our industry remains fully committed to the region's future, and we value our longstanding partnership with the MTA. Continued public investment—led by the MTA—will keep New York's building industry strong and help ensure that our region remains a global leader in transportation, innovation, and opportunity. Our industry is ready to roll up our sleeves and work with the MTA to build an even better transportation network for our region.

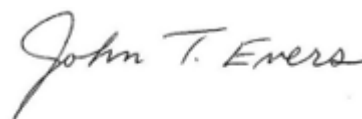
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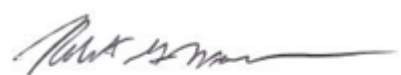
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