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The Honorable Kevin Corbett
Executive Director of New Jersey Transit
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Dear Director Corbett:

New Jersey residents have endured NJ Transit problems for more than a few years now, but in recent weeks, these issues have become more acute and are taking a toll on the state's economy and its residents. I understand that NJ Transit is under a federal mandate to install positive train control by year's end and that to accomplish that in the remaining months of this year is a heavy lift. That being said, I do not think completely shutting down the Atlantic City Line is in the best interest of the state and I ask that you reconsider your decision.

There are many people who depend upon the Atlantic City Line. People who live in South Jersey and commute to Philadelphia to work use this train line, as do people commuting out of Philadelphia to South Jersey. Veterans use this line to see their doctors at the VA hospitals in the Philadelphia area. The train line is also vital to the economic recovery and stability of Atlantic City. It is the most convenient way for people coming from Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland to visit the city and gamble in the casinos.

There are also many people who work in Atlantic City and use the line to commute to their places of employment. While ridership numbers on the Atlantic City Line are low compared to lines connecting New Jersey with New York City, the thousands of South Jersey riders who use the Atlantic City Line daily are real people, not statistics.

My constituents have been worried that the Atlantic City Line will remain closed for an indeterminate amount of time and perhaps not be reinstated. I have been assured this will not happen. Let me be clear: If this were to occur, it would be totally unacceptable.

I thank you for your efforts in responding to the critical transit issues facing our state, issues that existed long before your tenure began at NJ Transit. And I hope you

reconsider a total shutdown of service on the Atlantic City Line. I welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JV', enclosed within a large, horizontal oval shape.

Jeff Van Drew