



## LONG ISLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Re: Penn Station Revitalization Plan

Senator Krueger and Members of the Committee

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I am the Chairman of the Long Island Regional Planning Council. The Council is a Bi-County agency representing the residents, businesses, organizations and governments of both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The Council serves as Long Island's chief planner as well as a leading advocate for policies, projects and initiatives that can benefit the lives of the Island's 2.9 million residents.

The Pennsylvania Station Area Civic and Land Use Project is a key strategic initiative that centers around the integral transportation hub of the Long Island Rail Road, which serves hundreds of thousands of Long Island commuters daily, as well as customers of Amtrak and New Jersey Transit.

Governor Hochul should be commended for recognizing the economic development potential of Penn Station, a key regional transportation asset. The plan which is being put forth smartly recognizes the potential of investing public dollars to stimulate the investment of private dollars to not only improve the lives of transit commuters but also produces a project which will generate residential housing, including much needed affordable units, community space, a tremendous number of construction and full-time jobs as well as an expanded commercial tax base.

The Long Island Regional Planning Council salutes Governor Hochul for her vision in recognizing the potential in investing in this major regional transportation asset for the benefit of the Region and the State of New York. Thank you.

John D. Cameron, Jr.

Chairman

Long Island Regional Planning Council