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Honorable Francis K. O'Connor  
Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
1035 Parkway Avenue  
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Dear Commissioner O'Connor,

Serving as President & CEO of NJ TRANSIT has been the honor of a lifetime. I am profoundly grateful for the trust Governor Murphy and the Board placed in me and for the opportunity to work alongside an extraordinary team of more than 12,000 men and women dedicated to serving the residents of New Jersey.

The ultimate goal for any CEO is to leave their organization stronger than they found it. I know we have achieved that together. We have accomplished so much over the last seven years. Some of the achievements I'm most proud of are bringing Positive Train Control (PTC) across the finish line when no one thought it was possible; restoring the ranks of our locomotive engineers and bus operators; and, of course, being recognized by APTA as North America's Most Outstanding Public Transportation System – all while navigating through a global pandemic.

On the capital side, we went from an ad hoc program that had less than \$60 million in hard money contracts in 2017 to developing the agency's first-ever 5 Year Capital Plan totaling \$17 billion, with over \$6 billion delivered to date and another \$8 billion to be spent over the next 3 years. We now have the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest program underway in the country, behind only the MTA. New fleets of buses, railcars and locomotives, new stations or major renovation and expansions of existing ones, particularly Hoboken Terminal, and perhaps most notably, the soon to be completed Portal North Bridge, proving to the nation that multibillion dollar Mega-projects can indeed be done on time and even under budget.

While I'm proud of all these accomplishments, a transit agency's work is never done.

Through collaboration and the unwavering support of the experienced and professional senior leadership team we have cultivated, NJ TRANSIT is well-positioned for continued success. I am confident that this team will not only carry forward the mission of this agency but also ensure it thrives in the years to come. We have overcome challenges, embraced innovation, and delivered meaningful improvements to our transit system – resulting in our highest customer satisfaction ratings ever since we first launched our customer satisfaction surveys in 2011 and exhibited by flawless service to events such as Taylor Swift concerts and the Army-Navy Game, all which contributed to New Jersey being awarded the 2026 FIFA World Cup Finals.

Therefore, it is with mixed emotions, I am writing to submit my official resignation as President & CEO of NJ TRANSIT, effective Wednesday, January 15, 2025. In addition to giving me a chance to spend more time with my family, I have recently accepted a new opportunity with one of our state's prestigious universities that will allow me to remain deeply connected to the transportation sector, focusing on practical innovation, infrastructure and advocacy for our region.

While I am excited about this next chapter in my life, my commitment to public transit and the communities we serve remains steadfast. I look forward to continuing to champion the importance of public transportation in my new role.

Thank you for the privilege of leading this organization and for all your support throughout my tenure. I will remain on in a consultative capacity for an additional 30 days to ensure a smooth transition for my successor.

With Sincerest Gratitude,



Kevin S. Corbett  
President & CEO

cc: Governor Philip D. Murphy  
Meghan Umukoro, NJ TRANSIT Board Secretary