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County Executive Edward Mangano
1550 Franklin Ave.
Mineola, NY 11510

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Dear County Executive Mangano,

As we struggle to find money to prevent cuts in NICE bus service, I would like to offer an idea to save the routes targeted for elimination.

In a report released today by the Office of Legislative Budget Review, we learned that sales tax receipts for the fourth quarter of 2015 were roughly \$4 million higher than expected, which is great news for the county.

The 11 routes to be eliminated on Sunday cost roughly \$3.2 million a year to run. Why not use that money to save the routes? Even if we just used \$1 million of it, we could keep the buses running through the winter. I would also like to suggest finding additional funds to subsidize NICE by making adjustments to the \$5 million budgeted for seasonal workers.

I take a particular interest in this issue because four of the targeted routes are in communities in my South Shore district, which has a higher population density than much of the rest of the county. Let's work together to find ways to bolster public transportation in Nassau County. Our ability to survive and thrive depends on it.

Sincerely,

Laura Curran

cc: Presiding Officer Norma Gonsalves
Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams