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Governor David A. Paterson
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Oversight of Moynihan Station Project

Dear Governor Paterson:

We understand that you may soon be turning the Moynihan Station project over to the Port Authority. Whether or not that's a good idea is beyond the scope of this letter. The Port Authority has a history of being unresponsive to this community, but it may now have the leadership and financing capacity necessary to advance this important project.

We write simply to urge that if the Port Authority does assume responsibility for the project, it must be subject to a few basic ground rules to ensure a high level of public input, transparency and public accountability.

There must be:

- A transparent local public process of public hearings, including a hearing before the city's Landmark Commission concerning redevelopment of the historic Farley Building and the public reviews and approvals required by the city's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure;
- A meaningful opportunity for public input sufficiently far in advance of major actions to inform the development of ideas and positions;
- Continued and regular consultation with the Moynihan Station Community Advisory Committee, whose members include members of Community Boards 4 and 5, the local elected officials and other interested groups such as the 34th Street Business Improvement District. The committee was formed last year as required under the Urban Development Corporation Act, and has met several times with representatives of the Moynihan Station Development Corporation, the NYC Department of City Planning and amongst itself; and
- Regular public reporting about the project's finances.

We do hope that this complex project will get back on track, with the strong and responsive leadership that will be necessary to move it forward. And we look forward to working with your office and others to advance the project in a way that makes sense for our community, the city and the region.

Sincerely,

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