

EXHIBIT 5

BANY LETTER TO COMMISSIONER AGGARWALA JUNE 26, 2025



June 26, 2025

Dear Commissioner Aggarwala:

As follow up to our recent meeting and the letter from American Bus Association (ABA) to you dated June 20, please note BUS4NYC and BANY appreciate your time and attention to the matters at hand. Please note:

- Public and privately owned buses in NYC provide public transport to the same Riding Public as evidenced in the NYC Policy providing BUS LANES to ALL BUSES equally.
- Public and privately owned buses mitigate congestion, create clean air with new technology and greatly reduced emissions, providing public benefits.
- Public and privately owned buses serve the same riding public/people. Buses are a solution, not a problem. 55 passenger bus = less space than 55 cars/bikes; Shutting down engines can be dangerous, potentially lethal.
- For SAFETY, buses require power to generate heat in the winter and a/c in the summer. The current NYC rule of maximum 3 minutes should be changed to the Federal EPA model of 15 minutes for all buses in NYC.
- Air Quality is exacerbated by private autos and excessive truck deliveries to residents and workers ordering online - not people using buses.

As stated, we recommend the City of New York utilize the EPA Model idling time of 15 minutes limit when idling and not the overly aggressive 3-minute NYC current rule, which has created "Bounty Hunters" in the Citizens Air Complaint Program and not environmentally positive. A modified timeframe of 15 minutes is reasonable. This enables private carriers to provide consistent and safe services to the riding public and their employees as do public agencies.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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