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Dear Friend:

Shortly after being elected to office in the New York State Assembly, I was apprised of two serious problems that have directly affected the quality of life of Malverne residents. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of recent actions taken by my office regarding these two matters.

The first issue that I have sought to address is the Long Island Rail Road's (LIRR) decision to eliminate the 7:23 a.m. train at Malverne Station along the West Hempstead Line. This decision has caused significant hardship to Malverne commuters. In speaking with commuters, the 7:23 a.m. train was the most populated of the three morning time trains in Malverne. The LIRR's decision has forced Malverne commuters to choose between a 7:00 a.m. and a 7:44 a.m. train or drive to a neighboring village (such as Lynbrook) to board a more suitably timed train from a different line. This is unacceptable.

On February 28, 2011, I met with Mr. Robert Brennan of the LIRR, to discuss the previously instituted service reductions along the West Hempstead Line and to request a restoration of the 7:23 a.m. train in Malverne. *Please see the attached letter to Helena E. Williams, President of the long Island Rail Road regarding same.*

As of the date of this correspondence, the LIRR, citing fiscal constraints, has yet to definitely commit to restoring the 7:23 a.m. train in Malverne but will review the issue at a later future date.

The second issue is regarding the quality of the water being supplied by Long Island American Water to the residents of Malverne. After attending a public meeting on February 10th sponsored by the Malverne Civic Association, it has become readily apparent to me that Long Island American Water (LIAW) must do more to improve the overall water quality and delivery system in Malverne.

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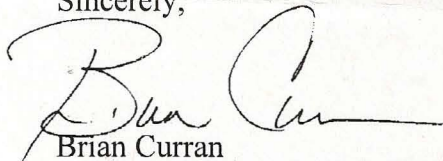
On February 18th, I held a meeting with Malverne Mayor Patricia McDonald, Malverne Civic Association President Thomas Grech, Peter Robideau and LIAW President William Farley to discuss specific short and long term actions that LIAW should take to improve the water quality including:

- Assuring that the new Iron Filtration Plant located on Franklin Avenue is operational and on line within 30 days;
- Increasing the number and locations of random water testing throughout Malverne and making same available for public review;
- Increasing LIAW's 2011-2012 budget allocation for water system infrastructure improvements throughout Malverne, as well as a commitment from LIAW for increased infrastructure funding for Malverne in later years.

As a follow-up to the February 18th meeting, I again conferenced this matter with LIAW President William Varley on February 28th. As a result of our previous meeting, LIAW tested five residential homes in the past ten days and is receptive to additional random testing in the Village within reasonable parameters. Furthermore, LIAW has successfully completed a second round of sampling for the iron filtration plant in Malverne. They have received Nassau County Department of Health approval to begin operating the plant on Tuesday, March 8th. Lastly, LIAW is currently investigating the possible reallocation of additional funds for infrastructure improvements in Malverne for the upcoming year.

Clearly, both of these issues will require the persistent effort of all involved to achieve the desired results that the residents of Malverne seek and deserve. Please rest assured that my office will continue to pressure the Long Island Rail Road to restore the 7:23 a.m. train to Malverne and will continue to work with Long Island American Water to improve the water quality in Malverne.

Sincerely,



Brian Curran
Assemblyman- 14th Assembly District

P.S. I discussed these issues on my last "Assembly Calendar" television show. You can see the show on Malverne's Channels, Ch. 18 on Cablevision and Ch. 30 on FIOS.



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March 4, 2011

Ms. Helena Williams, President
Long Island Rail Road
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Jamaica, New York 11435-4380

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the situation on the LIRR's West Hempstead line, in which service reductions have negatively impacted my constituency. I appreciate your interest in working to resolve this matter.

As you know, the elimination of the 7:23 a.m. train has caused a great deal of distress for the many commuters from Malverne and Lynbrook who rely upon this particular train to get into the city by the start of business, which is typically 9 a.m. or earlier. To take this option away from work-bound commuters seems to defy a certain logic. At a time when the residents of Nassau County are being asked to shoulder more expenses associated with the LIRR and the MTA, most notably the unfair MTA tax that has been imposed upon them, I find this onerous service cut to be especially unfair and burdensome.

I again urge you to consider the negative impact this service reduction has had on your ridership from the Malverne and Lynbrook communities and restore the 7:23 a.m. train to the Malverne commuters. Thank you again for your courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Curran", written in a cursive style.

BRIAN CURRAN
Member of Assembly, 14th AD