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Dear «PreFix» «Last»,

As members of the city and region's environmental, planning and fiscal policy community, we write to urge you to vote in favor of amending the MTA Capital Plan for the creation of the Yankee Stadium Multimodal Transportation Center in the South Bronx and that you get the New York Yankees to help contribute financing for the project.

We agree with the New York Times editorial board, which wrote on April 9th: "A Metro-North station would be good not only for the community but the team, whose Westchester fans have to drive or take a circuitous mass transit route to get to the Bronx. The mayor, governor and City Council should insist that the Yankees do their part."

This Transportation Center would eliminate the need for four planned parking garages. The Times editorial agreed: "A Metro-North station could diminish the need for expensive parking garages, and reduce air pollution and congestion, making for happier fans and healthier neighbors. On this, the Yankees should not expect a free ride." The \$70M approved by the state for construction of parking garages for the new Yankee stadium should be redirected to pay for construction of the Metro North station.

The opening of this Metro North Station will significantly enhance mass transit options in an area long burdened by high volumes of car and truck traffic. Investing in mass transit while reducing incentives for automobile use will further encourage clean air, preserve parkland and ensure the health of the local community.

With your leadership, the new Yankee Stadium Multimodal Transportation Center can be a catalyst for environmentally sustainable development of the South Bronx and New York City as a whole.

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