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Statement of Tri-State Transportation Campaign Executive Director Veronica Vanterpool, in response to a New York State court's ruling that the payroll mobility tax is unconstitutional:

Today, a state court ruled that the payroll mobility tax, whose proceeds contribute over a billion dollars to the MTA annually, is unconstitutional. With persistent raids by New York State elected officials on dedicated state transit revenues in recent years, the MTA has been forced to operate in a climate of fiscal uncertainty, and today's ruling only makes matters worse.

If today's decision stands, Albany must take action. New revenues must be found, through congestion pricing, tolling, or other means. The 8 million daily commuters that depend on LIRR, Metro-North, and subway and bus service deserve better and the metropolitan region's economy depends on it. Now more than ever, Governor Cuomo and state lawmakers must find revenues to keep the largest transit system in the country alive.

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a non-profit organization working toward a more balanced, transit-friendly and equitable transportation system in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.