



Transportation Advocates: Transit Commuters Win Restored Parity in Tax Benefits

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Statement of Tri-State Transportation Campaign Executive Director Veronica Vanterpool on the restored parity of the federal commuter tax benefit for transit riders:

After 18 months of advocacy by Tri-State Transportation Campaign and our partners, Congress has restored the parity between transit commuters and motorists by increasing the pre-tax benefit for transit commuters to \$240 per month through the end of 2013. This action, which was included as a provision in the “fiscal cliff” agreement, represents a \$115 increase from \$125 per month and will provide hundreds of dollars in tax relief for Tri-State area transit commuters. This restored parity in commuter tax benefits is the outcome of the ongoing efforts of transit champions in Congress like Senator Schumer (D-NY) in the Senate and Rep. McGovern (D-MA) in the House.

Tri-State especially applauds our region’s leaders, including Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Representatives Peter King (R-NY) and Michael Grimm (R-NY), for consistently advocating for the full restoration of this tax benefit for transit riders.

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