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Tri-State Transportation Campaign Statement on Interim President of NYCT Weighing in on Mayoral Race

*This morning, Sarah Feinberg, Interim President of New York City Transit, issued a statement denouncing the recent string of serious crimes that occurred on the city's transit system and calling for increased police presence to prevent future incidents. The statement concluded with a list of NYC mayoral candidates who support more police on transit. In response, **Rena Reynolds, the new Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign**, released the following statement:*

“Violent attacks on public transit, as with any other part of the city, is a serious issue that should be addressed in order to ensure the safety of all New Yorkers. The interim president of New York City Transit is within her rights to talk about the seriousness of crimes occurring on transit, and to even call on the current mayor to devise better strategies to solve the problem. However, it is out of line for the leader of a public agency to try to place undue influence on an ongoing mayoral race by spotlighting candidates that share her personal, pro-policing position.

“Sarah Feinberg is a non-elected state public servant and her role as the leader of a public agency is supposed to be non-partisan. It is alarming that the leader of New York City Transit is willing to go this far to lobby on this particular issue while taking a more cautious, hands-off approach when it comes to fighting for funding from Albany to maintain quality service and a state of good repair. We believe it is in the public interest for public officials like Ms. Feinberg to stay out of politics and let elected officials do their jobs.”

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