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## MEMORANDUM

To: TWU Locals at MTA Properties and Other Interested Unions

From: John Samuelson,  
International President of the Transport Workers Union

Re: MTA Bad Faith Bargaining Regarding TWU Local 100 Contract Pattern

Brothers and Sisters,

This memorandum serves to cut through the disinformation being put forth by the MTA, its labor relations bosses and outside lawyer(s) employed by them.

The **big lie** being put forth is that the MTA achieved significant savings in an "elevator agreement" with Local 100 and that other unions must agree to wage concessions (extensions of increases on 13 month intervals, rather than the 12 month intervals) to account for the "cost savings" in the Local 100 contract.

I assert for the record that no such savings came out of any elevator agreement in the last contract that Local 100 signed. The MTA has successfully peddled this flat out lie in order to achieve contracts with other Locals/ unions that have less economic value than the prevailing Local 100 pattern.

To all TWU Locals who are currently bargaining, I implore upon you to **HOLD THE LINE**. The International TWU will fight alongside you and against the MTA and their high paid professional, unethical, legal hit squad.

Demand to see the contract language and a signed agreement that contradicts my assertions. Do not accept the word of MTA labor relations careerists. They did not bargain the contract and frankly have no idea what they are talking about in matters related to this issue.

If we fight back and hold the line, together we can prevail against the MTA and maintain the integrity of the economic pattern.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Samuelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.