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**MEMORIALIZING** the United States Congress to provide emergency funding for the New York Penn Station Infrastructure Renewal Program

**WHEREAS,** Since 1910, Penn Station has been a transit hub for the Northeast Corridor, connecting New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., making it the nation's busiest rail station and critical to regional mobility with over 600,000 commuters passing through each day; and

**WHEREAS,** Penn Station provides connections to Long Island Rail Road, Amtrak, and New Jersey Transit; and

**WHEREAS,** Penn Station is in dire need for immediate repairs and station improvements, as well as long-term improvements, in order to increase safety and reliability for all commuters; and

**WHEREAS,** On May 11, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions held a hearing on the Penn Station program, through which the committee was able to gain an understanding of the elements and impact of the program; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State's \$29.5 billion Metropolitan Transportation Authority capital plan includes \$270 million for the Moynihan Station Development Project and to improve Penn Station; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State is the largest financial contributor to the \$1.6 billion Moynihan Station Development Project, including \$700 million appropriated in the 2017-18 New York State Enacted Budget; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State's Metropolitan Transportation Authority has committed \$10.2 billion to the East Side Access project to ease congestion at Penn Station; and

**WHEREAS,** Amtrak has committed to a renewal program, which will consist of a series of repairs and improvements to the station beginning in July 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Disruptions caused by Amtrak's renewal program could lead to a twenty percent reduction in service for the regional transit systems that use the station; and

**WHEREAS,** Drastic reductions in service in Penn Station could cause an overburdening of surrounding transit systems, which are already experiencing high volumes of commuters; and

**WHEREAS,** New York cannot afford to have its regional transit systems and commuters significantly and adversely affected by a renewal program; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress of the United States be and hereby is respectfully memorialized by this Legislative Body to provide emergency funding pursuant to the federal Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program (49 U.S.C. 5324) for the Penn Station Infrastructure Renewal Program and in addition, support and expedite funding requests for long-term solutions; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Congress of the United States from the State of New York.