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1 2	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: We're		The Port Authority's Board of
2	going to start now. Okay? People in	2	Commissioners will receive a copy of
3	the back.	3	today's transcript and any written
4	Thank you very much. Let's get	4	comments received prior to the deadline.
5	started now.	5	Toll & Fare Presentation:
6	Hello everybody, my name is	6	At this time, I will make a short
7	Michael DePallo. I am the Director and	7	opening statement explaining the Port
8	General Manager of PATH at the Port	8	Authority's toll and fare proposal and
9	Authority of New York and New Jersey and	9	why the Port Authority believes a toll
10	I will be serving as the Hearing Officer	10	and fare proposal is necessary. The toll
11	for today's public comment meeting.	11	and fare proposal under consideration is
12	The purpose of this hearing is to	12	as follows:
13	inform the public about the Port	13	Tolls for autos using E-ZPass on
14	Authority's proposed toll and fare	14	the Port Authority's crossings to
15	increase on its interstate bridges and	15	increase from \$6 to \$10 round trip for
16	tunnels and the PATH rail system and to	16	off-peak travel and from \$8 to \$12 in
17	solicit public comments on the proposal.	17	peak hours. An additional \$2 increase
18	To fully solicit comments from the	18	during peak and off-peak hours will be
19	public, the Port Authority is holding	19	implemented in 2014.
20 21 22	the most number of hearings it has ever	20	A cash toll surcharge of \$3 to
21	held for a revenue proposal eight	21	increase the cash rate from \$8 to \$15
22	over the course of the day in locations	22	during the peak period in 2011 for the
23	throughout New York and New Jersey, as	23	25 percent of toll-payers who still use
24	well, as one additional online hearing.	24	the optional cash system, similar to the
25	To provide everyone who wishes to	25	MTA. The surcharge will increase by an
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1	speak with an adequate opportunity to be	1	additional \$2 in 2014.
2	heard, anyone who has not yet registered	2	Truck tolls per axle using E-ZPass
3	and who wants to provide comments at	3	off-peak to increase from \$7 to \$13
4	this meeting must register at the	4	round trip and peak from \$8 to \$14, with
5	registration desk at the entrance to	5	an additional \$2 per-axle-increase in
6	this room by 6:30 p.m. (30 minutes after	6	2014 for both off-peak and peak hours. A
7	the start of the hearing).	7	similar cash surcharge of \$3 per axle
8	Spanish translators are available	8	will be applied to trucks in 2011 that
1	for speakers who wish to deliver their	1	, ,
9 10	comments in Spanish. American Sign	9 10	continue to use the optional cash system with an additional \$2 per axle in 2014.
11	Language interpretation is also		•
12		11	There will be no toll increase in
	available.	12	2011 on trucks that cross during the
13	General information and copies of	13	overnight discount period and the Port
14	the notice of today's hearing are	14	Authority will expand this overnight
15	available at the registration table. All	15	period an extra two hours each weekday
16	comments presented at this hearing and	16	night from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m (previously
17	those submitted and received by	17	midnight to 6 a.m.).
18	7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2011 will be	18	Fully preserving the Staten Island
19	accepted by the Port Authority in its	19	Bridge "Discount Plan" for E-ZPass
20	consideration of the actions that are	20	users, giving these frequent users a 50
21	the subject of this hearing. Written	20 21 22 23	percent toll discount on the peak
22 23	statements should be sent to Public	22	E-ZPass toll.
23	Hearing Comments, 225 Park Avenue South,	23	In addition, qualified energy
24	18th Floor, New York, NY 10003 or	24	efficient vehicles with GreenPasses will
25 _	submitted online at www.panynj.info.	25	see no toll increase during off-peak

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1	hours in 2011, and the car-poolers	1	largest overhaul of the agency's aging
2	discount rate is preserved in 2011 with	2	facilities in its 90-year history.
3	a 50 percent discount off the E-ZPass	3	Projects contingent on the
4	peak hour rate. Both GreenPasses and	4	proposed toll/fare plan include:
5	car-poolers would see a \$2 increase in	5	The first replacement of all 592
6	2014.	6	
7	The base PATH fare would increase	7	suspender ropes at the 80-year old
		1	George Washington Bridge, the world's
8 9	from \$1.75 to \$2.75 in 2011, with the	8	busiest crossing, joining other
	average fare increasing to \$2.10 from	9	suspension bridges like the Golden Gate
10	\$1.30 given the steep 25 percent	10	and RFK, which have already replaced
11	discount, which will be fully preserved.	11	theirs.
12	The 30-day unlimited pass will increase	12	The replacement of the Lincoln
13	to \$89 from \$54.	13	Tunnel Helix. It will require major
14	The proposed toll and fare	14	lane closures and load restrictions if
15	increase will fully fund a new	15	not replaced.
16	\$33 billion ten-year plan, which will	16	The raising of the Bayonne Bridge,
17	generate over 167,000 jobs.	17	which will solve the current clearance
18	This toll and fare proposal is	18	problem, preventing the post-PANAMAX
19	necessary because the Port Authority is	19	ships from accessing key ports.
20 21 22 23 24	facing three unprecedented challenges at	20	Significant security investments
21	once (1) an historic economic	21 22	at the region's airports, including the
22	recession that has sharply decreased	22	installation of security barriers.
23	revenue below projections, (2) more than	23	Complete replacement of 340 PATH
24	\$6 billion in security costs since 9/11,	24	cars, replace the signal system and
25	which have more than tripled from	25	100-year old duct bank network, upgrade
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1	pre-9/11 security costs, and (3) the	1	PATH security with tunnel hardening and
2	cost of the rebuilding of the WTC, which	2	flood mitigation measures, and
3	is now estimated at \$11 billion.	3	rehabilitate the system's aging
4	The proposal comes only after the	4	stations.
5	Port Authority initiated an aggressive	5	Public Comment Portion:
6	cost-cutting plan started in 2008 to	6	We will now begin the public
7	manage its resources as the impact of	7	comment portion of this hearing.
8	the economic recession became clear:	8	In order to give everyone an
9	cutting \$5 billion in capital projects	9	opportunity to speak, we require that
hō	and deferring billions more; holding	10	speakers keep their oral presentation to
11	operating expenses at zero-growth for	11	no more than 3 minutes. Please note
12	three consecutive years; and cutting	12	that a timer is placed on the table in
13	agency headcount to the lowest levels in	13	the front of the room and will count
14	40 years an 11% reduction of	14	down the three minutes. We remind you
15	non-police staff in the last five years.	15	to be considerate of other speakers and
16	The Port Authority does not	16	conclude in a timely fashion.
17	receive tax revenue, making its toll and	17	I will call the names of those who
18	fare structure the primary way to fund	18	have pre-registered and are here to
10			, -
19	the region's critical interstate	19	speak. I will read the name of the
k0	transportation network. At this point,	24	person who is first and two names on a
20 21 22 23 24 25	after a multi-year effort to control	20 21 22 23	list that follow so that everyone will
K2	spending in recognition of declining	22	be aware of the order in which they will
K3	capital capacity, failure to act risks		be speaking.
24 5-	240 critical infrastructure projects and	24	When it is a person's turn to
<u>25</u>	thousands of jobs, and will prevent the	25	speak, that person should use the

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1	microphone available. When you come	1	growth.
2	forward to offer comments, I ask if you	2	PlanSmart NJ recognizes that
3	identify yourself, to give your name and	3	increased revenues are essential to
4	your organizational affiliation, if	4	making the infrastructure investment in
5	appropriate, for the record. Also	5	our region's transportation system.
6	please spell your name for the court	6	And I'd like to add that
7	reporter.	7	infrastructure is the foundation of our
8	If you have a written version of	8	economy. Our network of roads, bridges,
9	your comments, please provide them to	9	tunnels, airports, transit make us the
10	the staff at the registration table at	10	gateway to the markets
11	the entrance to the room so that the	11	If we don't maintain and upgrade
12	comments can be included in the final	12	the system, we'll lose our ability to be
13	transcript of the proceedings.	13	the economic center of the world.
14	Finally, we remind you that the	14	So I congratulate the Port
15	purpose of this hearing is to afford you	15	Authority for moving ahead, making the
16	an opportunity to make statements and	16	necessary investments in the
17	comments about the proposed toll and	17	infrastructure that makes us where we
18	fare increase. This is not a question	18	are.
19	and answer session. It is an opportunity	19	It's a terrific (inaudible) job
20	for you to present your views so that	20	growth, and job creation and future
51	the Port Authority can consider them in	21	economic growth.
22	making any final determination.	22	Thank you.
23	Now I will call the first three	23	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
54	names. Please spell your last name.	24	you.
20 21 22 23 24 25	Joseph McNamara, Hector Fuentes	25	MR. FUENTES: My name's Hector
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1	and Riaz Wahid.	1	Fuentes, F-U-E-N-T-E-S.
2	MR. McNAMARA: For the record my	2	And I'm resident of the Union
3	name is Joseph McNamara,	3	City, a member of Laborers Local 55
4	M-c-N-A-M-A-R-A.	4	based out of Newark, and I'm actually
5	This evening I am representing an	5	here to support the Port Authority's
6	organization called PlanSmart NJ.	6	Port Authority's plan, capital plan.
7	PlanSmart is local, a nonprofit	7	First, I'd like to say that it's
8	research and planning organization.	8	not a very popular thing to talk about,
9	What it does it focuses on looking at	9	you know, to say the government is
10	the impacts on the economy, our	10	wasteful, the government leaders do not
11	infrastructure and economic growth. And	11	have the best interest of our public and
12	I'm a board member of the PlanSmart NJ,	12	have the interest of the public in mind.
13	and but tonight I want to read the	13	We trash the president all the
14	statement from a statement that was	14	time for things that happen, the
15	issued for this purpose by Lucy	15	governor, and any other elected
16	Vandenberg, who's the executive	16	official. And we always say somehow,
17	director, and I think it summarizes very	17	you know, elected officials are crooks.
18	well the position of PlanSmart NJ and	18	I got to tell one thing tonight.
19	its board.	19	About seven weeks ago I had an
20	Now is the time for the Port	20	opportunity to see a coworker and a
p 1	Authority of New York and New Jersey to	21	comember of Laborers Local 55 come into
21 22	make the investments in our regional	22	a union hall that we have in Newark, and
23	infrastructure that will raise jobs,	23	the first thing I saw that this member
24	improve New Jersey's residence, safety	24	walked in with a bucketful of tools and
25	security, and force their economic	25	a couple of bags, you know, full of
<u> </u>	Godality, and lords their cooliding		a couple of bugs, you know, full of

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1	clothes, and I said, Hey, what is going	1	us, however, at the end of the day, as I
2	on? And the first thing he said is	2	said before, and I don't want to repeat
3	Hector, you know, I just got evicted	3	myself, this is a project that I
4	from my apartment. My family and I lost	4	believe, or this is capital plan that I
5	everything. And he said it's about two	5	believe that will benefit each and
6	years and nine months that I have been	6	everyone; whether you are in
7	waiting for construction jobs that	7	construction or out of construction, I
8	happen, you know, within his region, and	8	do believe that people and and to my
9	they have not happened, and this member,	9	knowledge, there is an opportunity to
10	a proud member of Laborers'	10	create about 80,000 jobs for, you know,
11	International Union and said, you know,	11	construction and nonconstruction people.
12	I just don't know what to do now. I	12	So I think this will definitely
13	just don't know what to do for my	13	create a good environment and definitely
14	family.	14	inject an optimism in the State of New
15	And I got to tell you tonight that	15	Jersey and New York.
16	what's happens, you know, the capital	16	I thank you very much for the
17	plan the Port Authority is something	17	opportunity.
18	that will benefit thousands and	18	Thank you everybody.
19	thousands of construction workers that	19	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Riaz
	we need to do this improving, you know,	20	Wahid and Gerry Balmir are next.
5 1	to either the bridges the tunnels and	21	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Good evening
22	any infrastructure project that we have	22	freeholders and the City of Jersey City.
23	to improve our mass transit out there,	23	They (inaudible) a resolution against
54	you know, in the State of New Jersey and	24	(inaudible). They are educated people.
20 21 22 23 24 25	New York City.	25	They are (inaudible) and you must expect
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1	So I really applaud what's really	1	that. Number one.
2	going on today, and although it's really	2	Second thing, we are not against,
3	tough to say, look, you know, if it's	3	unions. We fought (inaudible) against
4	going to take us to pay 2, \$3 more to go	4	it.
1	through the tunnel.	5	But at this point in time given
5 6	But I tell what you, it takes	6	the fact that the Port Authority is
7	families to actually not have a move,	7	using a cheap technique of layoffs in
8	not have a plate to eat everyday. It	8	the union, very cheap (inaudible) of it.
	takes families to lose everything, you	9	Here we at this point of time are going
9 10		10	through a lot of (inaudible) and we just
11	know. And so I think that as a member of	11	cannot afford it.
12	a local union that we help construction	12	We believe that also will reflect
13	workers, I do believe that we want to	13	the ability to buy food products, like
14	definitely have an opportunity to the	14	milk, bread (inaudible) for your family.
15	provide these construction projects, and	15	And if these people are not going to
16		16	
17	I do believe that this is going to	17	decrease the fare (inaudible) so you have to have some kind of consideration
	increase the economy for everybody in	18	for that.
18	our region.		
19	You know, and obviously we talk	19	All I want to say at this point of
Ko.	about efficient transportation system	20	time, that Port Authority stop using
20 21 22 23 24 25	(inaudible) traveling business, you have	21	this kind of (inaudible) meetings as
K2	to pay for it somehow. You know, and	22	this. Port Authority, on a monthly pass
K3	I and I'm one of Union City residents	23	(inaudible) second two paychecks for
K4	that believe that the tolls sometimes,	24	someone who is working at \$8, where are
25	you know, take takes a lot from the	25	they going to find these two paychecks?

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1	300,000 people use Port Authority every	1	Authority to take to heart of the
2	day. You are holding (inaudible). You	2	necessary actions to do this. And I
3	have to do the right thing to get them	3	understand that you might get some
4	back (inaudible) management to push you.	4	criticism, but it is necessary.
5	Unions should not be (inaudible)	5	And if you look at all these
6	by Port Authority management like this,	6	people here we all support, I believe
7	you know, for (inaudible) customer like	7	the middle class, which we are part of
8	me. They should not be using this kind	8	the middle class and we want this to the
9	of free techniques or (inaudible)	9	happen.
10	basically (inaudible) approach.	10	Thank you.
111	And all I want at this point of	11	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Next two
12	time is, they should not be on	12	speakers are:
13	(inaudible) and we cannot afford in this	13	Gerry Balmir and Mayor Jerramiah
14	economy, and I will appreciate you	14	Healy.
15	consider passing by freeholders of	15	MR. BALMIR: Good evening. My
16	Hudson County and the City of Jersey	16	name is Gerry Balmir. G-E-R-R-Y. B, as
17	City that there should not be an	17	in brother, A-L-M-I-R.
18	increase, there should not be a layoff,	18	I am (inaudible) for the Laborers'
19	and you have to find money (inaudible).	19	International Union of local
	We need them. We want them to work but	20	(inaudible), a Trenton resident,
20 21 22 23 24		21	frequent commuter into New York City.
K 1	you need to find different way to get	22	I am proud to offer my support for
22	the money for this. Definitely not our	23	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
23	pockets.		the Port Authority's 33 billion,
24 25	Thank you very much.	24 25	ten-year capital plan; upgrading and
25	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank Page 1		repairing bridges and tunnels, expanding Page 21
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1	you.	1	bus (inaudible), improving the safety
2	Next speaker (inaudible) down here	2	and security throughout the region,
3	(inaudible).	3	building a new Bayonne Bridge, which is
4	MR. SISTO: Good evening	4	also important to large capacity ships
5	everybody. My name is Vincent Sisto.	5	and improving facilities along the PATH
6	I'm a resident of Bayonne, construction	6	lines, all of these are good investments
7	worker, and a member of Local 325 of	7	for our community.
8	Hudson County.	8	One who benefits, upgrade us all.
9	When I I'm not going to read	9	Another positive aspect of the
10	this.	10	Port Authority capital plan is the main
11	I think everything here knows why	11	element of job creation. Based on
12	we're here, and the reason why we're	12	federal highway research, which
13	here. A lot of us of are unemployed.	13	estimates that 27,000 jobs are created
14	All right. We all need jobs and, you	14	for every 1 million spent in
15	know what, we really can't wait. Like	15	infrastructure, the Port Authority
16	the other gentleman said, we need jobs	16	capital plan would support 918,000 jobs
17	now all right?	17	over ten years.
18	And, you know what? These tolls	18	I do not want to the minimize the
19	are going to be spike (inaudible)	19	importance of job creation in this
	hopefully (inaudible) because you know	20	construction industry.
<u> </u>	what, it's going to create hundreds of	21	It is the (inaudible) hardest hit
20 21 22 23 24 25	thousands of jobs for us, you know. And	22	by the great recession. Unemployment
23	it's desperately needed. It's	23	rates are above 20 percent. Businesses
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24	desperately needed, you know.	24	closing and back office layoffs are

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1	Moreover, as an industry that	1	will to be booing me by the time I'm
2	ultimately lags behind the rest of the	2	finished.
3	economy, the short- and medium-term	3	We know (inaudible) unemployment
4	outlook for construction is quite glib.	4	in general, the laborers, electricians,
5	The capital plan will put tens of	5	iron workers, carpenters, all the trade
6	thousands of men and women, residents of	6	unions.
7	the Port Authority, 17 county	7	However, during this economic
8	jurisdictions to work.	8	malaise, as I've been referring to it
9	This helps families. It helps	9	for the last two and a half, three
10	communities. And it helps the Port	10	years, the new great depression, coming
11	Authority complete these very important	11	up with this kind of toll increase is
12	and urgently needed projects.	12	going to be a huge burden on working
13	Make no doubt, there is a burden	13	families. It's going to be a huge
14	to bear. But there is also (inaudible)	14	burden on financially challenged folks
15	toll (inaudible), the congestion, delays	15	who live in this vicinity and have to
16	and despair, not to mention the	16	take the PATH trains, all the bridges,
17	increased vulnerability due to safety	17	all the tunnels.
18	and security concerns. We must make	18	Further, I think in the big
19	sure our train stations are affordable	19	picture in the long run, the big
20	and accessible but that needs to be	20	picture, in the long run, these tolls,
20 21 22 23	balanced with efficiency.	21	these bridges, these PATH trains, our
22	The capital plan will do the long	22	city generates hundreds and hundreds and
23	run for a better value to the consumers,	23	hundreds of millions in state income tax
24	and that should be the important	24	dollars from (inaudible). So we're
25	consideration.	25	going to be at a disadvantage.
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1	Good projects that will create	1	If the attractiveness of our city
2	much needed jobs are on the drawing	2	is (inaudible) is access, access to
3	board, which is why I support the Port	3	Midtown and Downtown Manhattan, through
4	Authority's plan.	4	the tunnels and through the PATH trains,
5	Thank you.	5	and an increase like this, at this time,
6	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	6	particularly of this magnitude, it's
7	you.	7	going to hurt investing in our city,
8	Next three speakers are:	8	which is going to hurt everybody in this
9	Mayor Jerramiah Healy, Debbie	9	room.
10	Carthan, Steve Fuloop.	10	More investment to this city, more
11	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Good afternoon.	11	building, more development, more jobs
12	Thanks for the opportunity to be here.	12	for everybody here, more taxes for our
13	I am opposed to this toll and PATH	13	city and relieve the burden on the
14	increase.	14	taxpayers.
15	While I fully understand the need	15	So what I'm saying is, it's a
16	for infrastructure repair to the various	16	terrible time to impose this increase,
17	tunnels, bridges, and roadways leading	17	particularly an increase of this
18	to them, the Port Authority's	18	magnitude which is unprecedented; \$8 to
19	responsibility, the raising of the	19	\$15, a dollar seventy-five to two
20	Bayonne Bridge is very important.	20	seventy-five.
	Obviously these things are going	21	Roll something in a smaller
22	to be funded, and if they're funded, a	22	increase, and roll it in gradually, and
23	lot of these people here will get an	23	I think everybody can be accommodated.
21 22 23 24 25	opportunity to go to work. And I	24	But this is way too much in one fell
25	understand about you guys (inaudible)	25	swoop to do it. It's going to be a big

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1	burden on our city, it's going to make	1	that, you know, the mayor and I
2	our city less attractive to the	2	absolutely agree, and I can speak on
3	investment development, and ultimately,	3	behalf of the entire council that passed
4	it's going to be hurtful to the state	4	the resolution that we are all adamantly
5	and everybody else in this room.	5	opposed to this. That we cannot say
6	Thank you.	6	that strong enough (inaudible), that
7	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	7	this has to move forward.
8	you.	8	I will take my definition that
9	Next person is Debbie Carthan and	9	this is an aggressive tax. This is a
10	Steve Fuloop.	10	tax that's going to hurt the working
11	MS. CARTHAN: Hello. My name is	11	people in Jersey City and throughout the
12	Debbie Carthan. That's D-E-B-B-I-E.	12	state more than anybody else, and it's a
13	C-A-R-T-H-A-N. And I'm a resident of	13	sad day when we live in a state that
14	Jersey City, and I do commute to New	14	protects millionaires and vetoes
15	York daily and I pay my \$8 toll	15	millionaires taxes, and at the same time
16	everyday.	16	has working laborers here pitted against
17	And what I'm here to say today is	17	the working class fighting over a tax
18	that I probably speak for many New	18	increase at the PATH and the tolls.
19	Jerseyans. I am opposed to the toll	19	There are other options. Nowhere
20	increases that you guys are proposing.	20	in this proposal do they talk about tax
21	It is ridiculous. If you want to	21	increases at the airlines that the Port
21 22 23 24	raise the toll you got be sensible about	22	Authority does control.
23	it. Nearly 50 percent is just too much	23	There are other options, other
24	for be anybody.	24	than hurting the people that use the
25 25	And you mean to tell me if you're	25	PATH system day in and day out to get to
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1	going to pay cash, it's going to go from	1	work to make an honest living.
2	\$8 to \$15? That's ridiculous. And I	2	So again, on behalf of the
3	really think that you guys need to	3	council, I can't express strongly how
4	reconsider what you're doing to New	4	much we do oppose this.
5	Jersey, doing to us, and I don't think	5	Thank you.
6	it's fair.	6	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
7	I understand that guys are out of	7	you.
8	work. I understand that. But think	8	Ricardo Kaulessar, Diego Santos
9	about the burden that you're going to be	9	and Freeholder, Anthony Romano.
10	placing on many families here in New	10	MR. KAULESSAR: Hello, my name is
111	Jersey.	11	Ricardo Kaulessar, I live in Jersey
12	And again, I'm opposed to it, and	12	City, and I take the PATH train to my
13	I don't think it's fair, and you guys	13	job five days a week.
14	need to reconsider how much you're going	14	Simply put, no fair hikes. I
15	to raise the tolls.	15	would advocate a fair hike if economic
16	Thank you.	16	times are good but they are not and have
17	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	17	not been for several years.
18		18	And though increases should be
19	you. Steve Fuloop.	19	(inaudible) to the increases in people's
	MR. FULOOP: Steven Fuloop,	20	wages, if wages were being increased for
20	Councilman, Ward E, I have the	21	the majority of communities (inaudible).
22	privileged of representing this area	22	Of course that's not the case either.
13 K 5	that has the Holland Tunnel and three	23	I have a few suggestions, both
20 21 22 23 24	PATH stations.	24	realistic and wishful thinking, for what
2 4 25	I would say, first and foremost,	25	should be done before any talks of fare
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1	hikes come up.	1	poor middle class.
2	Ask Governor Christie and Governor	2	According to your numbers, 2007,
3	Cuomo (inaudible) combined 2.1 billion	3	the Port Authority made \$.94 billion in
4	in Port Authority funds they have	4	profits; 2008, \$1 billion in profits;
5	reserved for their own (inaudible).	5	2009, \$1.1 billion in profits; 2010,
6	322 million that are by the New	6	\$1 billion in profits. This is from
7	York State Controller's Office	7	your website, from your numbers.
8	(inaudible) was wasted by the Port	8	Altogether that's \$4.1 billion you
9	Authority for outside vendors; a	9	guys made in profits over the last four
10	5 percent salary cut to top earning	10	years, not including this year, which I
11	employees in the Port Authority, 100,000	11	read to be another billion dollars
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	and beyond; and have all the people		profit. So that's \$5 billion you guys
13	advocating fare hikes (inaudible)	13	have.
14	increase fares, if it somehow goes into	14	The George Washington Bridge
15	effect in their future travels, and all	15	proposal, \$1 billion; Lincoln Tunnel,
16	of those opposed to pre-fare hike	16	.5; Bayonne Bridge, 1 billion; and the
17	(inaudible).	17	bus garage, 800 million; and the
18	(Inaudible) the Port Authority and	18	airport, 360 million.
19	(inaudible) to what the unions are here	19	That's \$4.6 billion that these
20 21 22 23 24	for. I understand that.	20 21 22	projects are going to cost, but we
21	But I do take issue with the way	21	have you know, (inaudible), you know,
22	the fare hike discussions are being	22	all this money's disappeared, \$5 billion
23	handled by this agency, starting with	23	in profits made, so where did all this
24	the announcement on August 5th, only two	24	money go?
25	weeks away from the vote this coming	25	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you.
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1	Friday. The public hearings (inaudible)	1	MR. SANTOS: How many jobs are
2	in locations and times (inaudible) to	2	going to be lost (inaudible) and we
3	voice their opinion on the matter, and	3	can't afford to be travel now a days.
4	instead (inaudible) happening only in	4	How many families are to be forced to
5	one place.	5	relocate if we can't afford to travel.
6	To me it smells of a setup of an	6	40 percent of my own personal
7	increase on a much smaller scale, but	7	business comes from the New York City
8	one that will still hurt the community,	8	crowd. If we increase the tunnels, I'm
9	therefore, I repeat no fare hikes.	9	going to be out of business in six
10	Thank you.	10	months. And how many other businesses
11	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	11	are going to be hurt through this.
12		12	
13	you. The payt three eneakers are:		You know, we got the brand new
	The next three speakers are:	13	Home Depot here, the Best Buy, the
14	Diego Santos; Freeholder, Anthony	14	Target. You know, how many jobs are
15	Romano, and Jon Gellman.	15	going to be lost if we increase the
16	MR. SANTOS: Diego Santos, Jersey	16	fares in the tunnels.
17	City Peace Movement. S-A-N-T-O-S.	17	Once again, before the labor,
18	First of all, let me thank you for	18	before the jobs, you guys come up with
19	having this public hearing in such a	19	the money, don't do it on the poor and
20	convenient location, convenient times.	20	middle class.
21	I am for most of these labor	21 22	You know, you got insurance, you
22	projects, however, I'm opposed to any	22	got state grants, you have federal
23	fare and toll hikes. The money is	23	grants. You have other things, other
24	there, and these projects can be funded	24	options that you could lay it on.
25	without doing so on the backs of the	25	Thank you very much. Let's get

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1	these jobs started.	1	is about fairness.
2	Thank you very much.	2	All of these projects, which are
3	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next	3	undeniable useful and beneficial to the
4	speakers are:	4	economy of the entire region, but
5	Anthony Romano, Jon Gellman and	5	somehow only New Jersey commuters are
6	Daniel Levin.	6	being asked to foot the bill.
7	MR. ROMANO: Freeholder Anthony	7	The World Trade Center, which is
8	Romano of Jersey City, Hoboken, and	8	the overwhelming part of this capital
9	Jersey City.	9	budget, benefits downtown New York, New
10	I'm here on behalf of our Hudson	10	York in general, but where are they
11	County (inaudible) and chosen	11	being asked to share the pain? Why is
12	freeholders, also (inaudible) opposing	12	it that only New Jersey commuters are
13	the proposed increases.	13	being asked?
14	I think things that were said here	14	Only because they're the ones that
15	tonight are very important. There has	15	are easier to jack for this? I don't
16	to be negotiation and talks on	16	understand that.
17	increasing, that hitting everyone this	17	Thank you.
18	hard, especially in areas of mass	18	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next
19	transit is detrimental to the whole	19	three speakers are:
20	economy.	20	Daniel Levin, Yvonne Balcer, and
21	But at the same time, we need work	21	Sam Clifford.
22	for our people. That is important to	22	MR. LEVIN: Good evening. Daniel
23	support our union and laborers, we need	23	Levin, resident of Jersey City.
24	workers, whether (inaudible).	24	I'd like to speak specifically to
25	We ask you and the Port Authority	25	the PATH fare proposed increase, and
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1	to please reconsider, to take the	1	raise the issue that this poor planning.
2	necessary steps to make the people aware	2	It still remains cheaper for a family of
3	of what they're going to do and to do	3	four to drive into Manhattan than take
4	it, and if you want to do it, in	4	mass transit.
5	increments to keep the numbers low.	5	This is going (inaudible) Hudson
6	We need this in this area. It's	6	County, through fares, Light Rail PATH,
7	very important. A lot of people that	7	bus PATH, PATH, MTA.
8	use all your services. So please think	8	So I would ask that in this
9	of us.	9	process revisit the fare structure and
10	And thank you.	10	consider off-peak visits.
11	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	11	(Inaudible) a nine-year-old child
12	you.	12	should have to pay \$5.50 going in and
13	The next three speakers are:	13	out of Manhattan. Consider raising the
14	Jon Gellman, Daniel Levin, and	14	age of children. Find ways to ease the
15	Yvonne Balcer.	15	burden on the working families of Hudson
16	MR. GELLMAN: My name is Jon	16	County.
17	Gellman. I'm an officer of Hamilton	17	The second part I would like to
18	Park (inaudible) Association, a resident	18	raise is, New Jersey has one of the
19	of downtown Jersey City here.	19	lowest gasoline taxes in the entire
	The whole neighborhood here, I	20	country. There's something wrong with
21	mean most people commute into the city	21	that when we have the highest mass
20 21 22 23 24 25	in one way or another. My wife goes to	22	transit fares in this entire country.
23	Brooklyn. She's got a double fare.	23	So I ask everyone here that is
24	Lots of things have been said	24	looking for infrastructure projects,
he	here, but I think what's most important	25	that we all need, desperately need, and

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1 1	every five years that goes by, our	1 7	New Jersey PATH rider who takes the
2	transit systems and our road systems are	2	Light Rail, or the bus, then the PATH,
3	failing.	3	and then finally the New York City
4	If you go look to Trenton to put	4	subway to commute to work. Compare that
5	the gas tax where it needs to be, where	5	to the New York City subway rider who
6	New York is, and let us generate the	6	can go from the Bronx to Staten Island
7	funds and share the sacrifice to get	7	on one fare.
8	these projects in the pipeline and get	8	"The Port Authority is taking
9	everybody working, and allow people to	9	advantage of the poor economic times so
10	efficiently (inaudible) to get to work.	10	they know full well the public has to
11	So look to Trenton. Look to	11	pay. If they don't, they can't get to
12	Trenton that canceled our tunnel project	12	work, or to their doctors, or to their
13	that took work from all the yellow shirt	13	schools. The bottom line is, this is
14	union members here in this room. So	14	extortion by a public entity.
15	it's about shared sacrifice and getting	15	"The governors of New York and New
16	to work together.	16	Jersey, who express shock and dismay at
17	So this fare is putting the burden	17	this outrageous hike, can prove it by
18	on the working, low income, middle class	18	not approving this when it comes to
19	families of Hudson County of New Jersey.	19	them.
	It's time to start planning smart, not	20	"This is also an example of
21	planning politically, and reduce these	21	taxation without representation, because
22	fares, make them workable in a	22	the public does not elect the people to
23	reasonable manner.	23	this board. We don't, but we have to
20 21 22 23 24	And two weeks of hearings is	24	pay the fee.
25	clearly insufficient. Who's ever been	25	"And let's be realistic. An
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1 1	to this building before this hearing?	1	increase will not eliminate the traffic
2	God knows I had to Google it. I go by,	2	jams at the Holland Tunnel, which
3	one block away, six days a week to work,	3	affects Jersey City air, nor will it
4	two round trips, yet I had to Google	4	provide a seat on the PATH in rush
5	this building to figure out where this	5	hours."
6	hearing was.	6	And I'm going to bring up one
7	Well, you need to extend the	7	thing that's not in my letter. I knew
8	hearings, give people a voice in their	8	Morris (inaudible), the former
9	government.	9	councilman. He came to all these
10	So thank you. Please reconsider.	10	hearings, and they were not located in
11	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Next	11	the area.
12	three speakers are:	12	Morris (inaudible) was especially
13	Yvonne Balcer, Sam Clifford, and	13	upset that New Jersey got compared to
14	Elizabeth Cronk.	14	New York because New York was getting
15	MS. BALCER: My name is Yvonne	15	all the building boom without attacking
16	Balcer. I'm with Public Access TV. I	16	(inaudible).
17	also produce shows for Comcast, Channel	17	The commissioners then, in the
18	51.	18	1970's, told Morris (inaudible), we now
19	I'm reading a letter I had in the	19	know (inaudible) that they will hold the
	paper last Sunday.	20	fare at 30 cents in the 1970's, and it
<u> </u>	"The Port Authority has outlived	21	was held that way for many years until,
20 21 22 23 24 25	its usefulness. This agency has a	22	you know, Morris, more or less, got very
23	sovereign right to raise fares beyond	23	sick and passed away.
<u> </u>	what many commuters pays.	24	Because all the money went over
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1	Jersey, as Mayor Healy said, it is a	1	you.
2	burden on us. It's not a burden on New	2	The next three speakers are:
3	York when you think about it. They have	3	Elizabeth Cronk, Susan Mack and
4	their subways.	4	Leon Just.
5	So if you check your records at	5	MS. CRONK: Good evening, my name
6	what was said to Morris (inaudible) in	6	is Elizabeth Cronk. I represent the
7	the 1970's, they promised to keep it	7	smallest of the small business owners.
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9	low, because all the building	9	I live in Secaucus, New Jersey. I'm a
10	(inaudible), all the money was going to New York.	10	self-employed dog groomer who does private residential service in
111		11	•
12	Thank you very much. HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	12	Manhattan. I drive into the City five
13		13	days a week and work all over the City.
	you.		I'm 59 years old.
14	The next three speakers are:	14	I moved to New Jersey seven years
15	Sam Clifford, Elizabeth Cronk, and	15	ago after residing in the City for 30
16	Suzanne Mack.	16	years and living through three terrorist
17	Sam Clifford?	17	attacks, all within blocks of my home
18	MR. CLIFFORD: Good evening.	18	where I raise my family.
19	I'm a member of Local 325, 27	19	Twenty-three years ago, I was a
20	years. C-L-I-F-F-O-R-D.	20	former Wall Street trader. I started my
21 22 23	I'm in support of the Port	21	grooming business when I was laid off
22	Authority's increase on the tolls on	22	from Merrill Lynch in the last recession
23	bridges and tunnels, because I'm one of	23	where everybody thought the sky was
24	the construction workers who suffered	24	falling.
25	just like the rest of them do.	25	I raised my son and my tiny
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1	I hear the stories of members not	1	business that I struggled years to
2	having worked, members behind in their	2	build.
3	mortgage, members losing their car	3	As a sole proprietor of this
4	payments. Can't pay their rent, can't	4	little business, I can't get my bank to
5	put any food on the table. Don't have	5	refinance my mortgage, yet you can raise
6	gifts for the kids during Christmas and,	6	the tolls to support the mismanagement,
7	you know, it's sad. I hear it all the	7	of waste created by this bloated agency
8	time, and it's due to the Port Authority	8	whose left hand barely recognizing its
9	not having the funds or money to produce	9	right.
10	jobs for union members.	10	Money can be borrowed at the
11	You know, you could drive through	11	lowest interest rate in recent history,
12	the tunnel or on a bridge and have a	12	and it's (inaudible) should be that are
13	complaint about a hole or some kind of	13	proposed (inaudible) should be
14	construction problem on the	14	considered this (inaudible) of cash
15	something's not being done in the	15	that's held by the banks.
16	tunnels or bridges because they don't	16	I tried to have a small footprint
17	have the funding, and yet there's	17	on this earth. I drive a small smart
18	members sitting at home because there's	18	car. I schedule my days so I can park
19	no work, because there's no money.	19	as long as much as possible because
20	So I support the Port Authority's	20	public transportation does not work for
<u> </u>	increase on the tunnels, because I'm one	21	me. I have to carry bulky equipment,
21 22 23	of those construction workers who are	22	and many of the areas I work in don't
23	always looking for work.	23	have any transportation.
24	That's all I have.	24	I already pay a commuter tax. I
2 4 25	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	25 25	put money in parking meters. Why should
<u>⊬</u> ∪	HEARING OFFICER DEFALLO, HIGH	μJ	put money in parking meters, vviny snould

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1	small business owners like me have to	1	many times at the Journal Square where
2	support this increase when better	2	there also is a PA parking lot. To hold
3	management and administration would be	3	both public meetings in the second
4	the first step to fiscal health.	4	largest city in the state of New Jersey
5	The jobs that are promised to	5	in locations not serviced by mass
6	these laborers should be part of a	6	transit is disingenuous and you can do
7	stimulus package of the government, who	7	better than that.
8	has yet to hold any banker or brokerage	8	People in New Jersey and the TMA's
9	house accountable for the state of this	9	have long called for congestion pricing
10	economy, and not the food off my table	10	at the tunnels. I am unsure if this
11	or the sweat off my back, the 900 plus	11	achieves any of that which may help
12	dollars I will be forced to pay in	12	improve the air quality, since we are a
13	revenue tax, my ability to fund my	13	non-attainment area or if the motivation
14	retirement as a self-employed middle	14	is simply financial. More should be
15	class citizen.	15	discussed with the public as to the
16	Thank you very much.	16	thought processes that are going into
17	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next	17	these recommendations. I am
18	three speakers are:	18	particularly concerned with the domino
19	Suzanne Mack, Leon Just, and	19	effect. New Jersey Transit had almost a
20	Esther Winter.	20	25% fare increase in the last few years
21	MS. MACK: Good evening. My name	21	and barely made its budget without an
22	is Suzanne Mack. I usually don't read	22	increase this year. Are you cognizant
23	things, but what I'm going to do is try	23	that over 9069/5040 weekday New Jersey
24	to get all my points across.	24	Transit bus trips were made in July?
25	So I am a resident of Jersey City	25	What will be the impact of this increase
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1	and a mass transit user. I am usually a	1	on those riders if New Jersey Transit
2	strong supporter of the Port Authority	2	has to pay the additional tolls that
3	of New York/New Jersey and am very	3	have not been anticipated in their
4	cognizant of the huge role the bi-state	4	budget? My calculations are that New
5	agency plays in the region, not only as	5	Jersey Transit now pays 4 million in
6	a transportation provider but most	6	tolls with this increase will take it to
7	importantly as a source of financing for	7	10 million? Does the governor have an
8	capital improvements in both states.	8	additional \$6 million lying around or
9	What I have seen here today and on	9	will the New Jersey Transit riders be
10	published reports is that there's a	10	facing more fare increases and or
11	strong support from the trade unions who	11	service cuts? Jersey City already has
12	are interested in the jobs and economic	12	had services cut that have not yet been
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	development that is planned by the Port with proposed \$720 million raises with	14	restored. This is not a good part of your plan. Why not exempt transit from
14	2011 increases and the additional	15	the toll hike?
15	\$290 million in 2014. All of this is	16	The Port Authority has been at the
16		17	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
17	acknowledged to be good for the region	18	forefront with SMARTCARD of making it easier for the commuters to ride
18	and New Jersey with the backdrop of a	19	
19	fractured economy.	20	transit, but people have to have the
κ υ	However, in over thirty years	20 21	money in the bank to pay for it. A 65%
20 21 22 23 24 25	following the transportation system, I	22 K I	increase in the 30-day trip is simply
22 KZ	am really disappointed in how this fare	22	too much for 80,000 daily users. These
ks	and toll increase was rolled out. For	23	are your users, the commuter, your
K4	one thing, the Port Authority has	24 25	clients, your stakeholders.
⊬ 5	meeting facilities that have been used	25	I ask that you be the bi-state

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1 2	agency, go back to the drawing boards	1	about skilled organized labor, we
2	and find a way to do a better job and if	2	wouldn't have a lot of these jobs going
3	these question save been asked and	3	off that are nonunion and maybe none of
4	answered you share that information by	4	us will be here today if the mayors were
5	being more transparent with the process	5	actually on the side of the (inaudible).
6	before taking it to your Board.	6	All I can say is, we're trained
7	Ten years ago I watched the tower	7	individuals. We do a craft. We do it
8	go down and this entire region come	8	well. And we hope this passes, because
9	together to pick up the pieces of	9	we will serve the benefit from it and
10	peoples lives, a fractured	10	whatever work we do will be quality
11	transportation system and the economy as	11	work.
12	we approach the 10th anniversary let's	12	Thank you.
13	work together towards an equitable	13	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
14	transparent solution for all.	14	you.
15	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	15	Next three speakers are.
16	you.	16	Esther Winter, Paul Rodan, and
17	The next three speakers are:	17	Larry Ford.
18	Leon Just, Esther Winter, Paul	18	MS. WINTER: My name is Esther
19	Rodan.	19	Winter, and I'm here as an American.
20	MR. JUST: Hello, my name is Leon		I firstly would like to say, sir,
	Just. L-E-O-N. J-U-S-T. I'm a laborer	20 21 22	that as a member of public to have these
22	in 325.	22	public hearings at 8 in the morning and
21 22 23 24	I would think it's obvious of all	23	6:00 at night in venues are very
24	of us the state of the economy, and I	24	difficult for people to get to, such as
25	realize that the fare increases that the	25	the Holland Tunnel and the airport don't
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1	PA is looking for, some of them I think	1	do us justice. They are hardly public
2	are justified, because for what gasoline	2	hearings when do you that.
3	costs per gallons, to take a trip into	3	I secondly would like to talk
4	New York City on the PATH train for two	4	about the unintended consequences of
5	seventy-five sounds reasonable to me.	5	such an egregious of such an
6	Thirty-one years ago the	6	egregious toll and fare hike.
7	government reclassified our area from a	7	We had a 22 percent increase last
8	•	8	•
	metropolis to a megalopolis, okay?	1 _	year. You're looking at another
9 10	There's more people on the East Coast	9 10	57 percent this year. What it does is
110	than probably anywhere else in the		further drive a wedge between working
11	world.	11	people, such as myself, and the people
12	And the infrastructure in the	12	that are sitting here looking for work.
13	United States, I believe ten years ago,	13	When we cannot afford to do this,
14	we only were number ten, as far as	14	then you do not get your money and these
15	countries that put money back into	15	people get no work.
16	infrastructure, and that was ten years	16	You do not trump the law of
17	ago. So I don't know what number we are	17	economics.
18	now.	18	What happens is, in this
19	And with this we would definitely	19	depression that we're living through, is
20	get some employment opportunities.	20	that you have to make the Port Authority
2 1	There's many of us in our Local that	21	transit more accessible so that people
22	we've had 50 percent unemployment.	22	can, in fact, spend money, move, and get
23	And to address the comment that	23	to their jobs.
20 21 22 23 24 25	the Mayor Healy made, is that if the	24	As you take more money out of our
	mayors of Hudson County actually cared	25	income, there's less money for us to

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1	spend.	1	We can always turn around and say
2	I'd also like to say that when I	2	use smaller ships, but we don't do that.
3	read the proposal and I saw the	3	We're accommodating them on our backs,
4	\$11 million that have caused us, the	4	and they pay nothing, which is the
5	commuters, to rebuild World Trade Center	5	equivalent to how the United States is
6	was completely and totally insulted by	6	paying \$500 million a day for a war in
7	something like that.	7	Libya and telling us, you have to raise
8	As someone who worked downtown and	8	our fares for those who are out of work.
9	lived through the World Trade Center	9	I think it is important that you,
10	9/11 attack, an attack on all of	10	as the board of this agency, use your
11	America, to now say that we, the working	11	power and stand up not just for me, but
12	people, the working commuters of New	12	for all of us who use your place.
13	Jersey will have to bear that burden to	13	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
14	pay for that, is wrong.	14	you.
15	I think if you I'm not one who	15	MS. WINTER: Thank you.
16	believes that agencies and governments	16	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next
17	should look for handouts from the	17	is three speakers are:
18	federal government, but I think it is	18	Seth Huling, Larry Ford, and Steve
19	your place and your responsibility to	19	Murphy.
	look upwards and say to all of America	20	MR. RODAN: Hi, Yes, I'm Paul
21	that we need to rebuild as a country,	21	Rodan, Jersey City resident, 28 years,
22	not on the backs of working people.	22	Currently residing in Kearny, New
23	I also would like to say, that	23	Jersey.
24	over the past few years, as the Port	24	I'd just like to take this
20 21 22 23 24 25	Authority and politicians got their	25	opportunity, first of all, to God bless
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1	hands involved in the rebuilding and the	1	everybody in this room, because you
2	design of the these grandiose plans and	2	people are the ones that care about what
3	wasted time and you wasted billions of	3	happens to this country just by being
4	dollars which we now have to pay for. I	4	here. And at the end of the day,
5	think that you should make up for that.	5	whether we agree or not, we will still
6	You've over bonded, you've made no	6	remain fellow brothers and American
7	plans for recessionary times, and now	7	brothers and sisters.
8	you want to bond again. Bond again with	8	With the unprecedented
			unemployment this country's ignoring,
9 10	money you don't have and you want to	9	
	take from our pockets.	10	and I'm unprecedented foreclosures, this
11	And remember, sir, the law of	11	country's forced to make difficult
12	ergonomics says, when I can't afford it	12	decisions, whether federally, privately,
13	they have no work. That's the bottom	13	decisions have to be made, very
14	line and you do not trump economics.	14	difficult decisions. Decisions that
15	I also would like to talk about	15	people may not necessarily agree on,
16	the fact that I understand that there's	16	nonetheless difficult.
17	certain repairs that need to be made,	17	Is this capital improvement plan
18	and that the Bayonne Bridge needs to be	18	by the Port Authority the answer?
19	raised. But what I did not see in the	19	Perhaps not. But what I do know, it is
20	proposal was: Are these shipping	20	a step in the right direction towards
21	companies going to be charged additional	21	rebuilding this country.
22	money because we have to raise the	22	With the bridges, infrastructures
20 21 22 23 24	bridge to accommodate them? What are	23	that are crumbling in this country that
24	they doing to put in their fair share to	24	are desperately in need of repair, more
25	raise the bridge?	25	importantly, the safety of these country

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1	is what it should be an issue and	1	cab driver for 25 years, and this is
2	should really be a focus on.	2	nothing compared to what the increase
3	Of course, most of this money will	3	cost of gas is, you know, in comparison.
4	be towards the safety of the Holland	4	I know there's you could pay a
5	Tunnel, the protection of our bridges,	5	hundred dollars to try and make some
6	and to create preventive measures from	6	money to put gas in the cab in a day.
7	another terrorist attack, like on 9/11,	7	You know, and I know I pay right now
8	and to me, the safety of this country,	8	it's a lot more than \$15.
9	and safety and protection of the	9	You know, we have to work a
10	American people are priceless.	10	thousand hours a year to keep our health
11	Just keep in mind people, a strong	11	benefits. We've lost our eyeglass and
12	America is a safe America. And by	12	our dental in the last year and we've
13	saying no to this capital improvement	13	you know, and we've lost our most of
14	bill is saying yes to terrorism.	14	our annuity we were getting, so don't
15	Thank you.	15	get it, because it's going other places,
16	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	16	and, you know, it's not going into our
17	you.	17	pockets because we have to help with
18	The next three speakers are:	18	other areas, you know. And I'm
19	Larry Ford, Steve Murphy and Seth	19	definitely in support for work.
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	20	I live like I said, I live and
20	Huling.	20 21 22	·
21	MR. FORD: Good evening. My name	21	pay taxes in Jersey City in Hudson
22 23	is Larry Ford. I'm a shop steward for	22	County, and I'm tired of watching trucks
23	Laborers Local 325 in Hudson County.	23	from other areas drive down my block, go
24	The main reason we're in such	24 25	to a job in my county, in my city, you
25	support of this bill is because our guys		know, and I'm not working, you know.
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1	need jobs. My union brothers and	1	And they're not getting
2	sisters here are losing their homes,	2	You know, the good thing about
3	their cars, their families.	3	unions is we have, you know, like I
4	The bottom line is, this increase	4	said, if you work a thousand hours a
5	will stimulate the economy. And our	5	year, you get benefits; you get health
6	position to this bill is understandable,	6	benefits, you get annuity, you get a
7	but the overall benefits will far	7	pension, you get all that good stuff
8	outweigh any specific concerns.	8	that you don't get with a lot of those
9	The bottom line is, we need jobs,	9	other fly by night, nontax paying
10	people. The time to act is now.	10	companies, workers, you know, or maybe
11	Thank you.	11	even, you know, you might be a resident
12	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next	12	or have a you know, not even being
13	three speakers are:	13	legal, you know, and not paying taxes.
14	Steve Murphy, Seth Huling, and	14	You know, we're paying taxes. You
15	Erik Anders Nilsson.	15	know, we're taxpayers. We pay a lot of
16	MR. MURPHY: Hi, my name is Steve	16	taxes. They take a lot of taxes out of
17	Murphy. Pretty easy name.	17	my check, and I'd like them to take some
18	Murphy, do I need to spell that	18	more if they keep us working, you know.
19	for you?	19	And basically I'm like I said,
1	Lifelong Jersey City resident,		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
21		20	I'm for this, and we need to, you
20 21 22 23 24	member of Laborers Local 325, Hudson	21 22	know if it means work
22	County Laborers.	22	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
23	You know, a lot of guys are out of	23	you. Thank you.
	work. I'm in favor of this increase.	24	The next three speakers are:
25	I'm also a part time New York City	25	Seth Huling, Erik Anders Nilsson,

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1	and Stacey Jackson.	1	appalling that you've scheduled these
2	MR. HÚLING: Hi. My name is Seth	2	meetings at such odd times on one day in
3	Huling. I'm a lifelong resident of	3	the most unacceptable locations. You
4	Hudson County. 1 live in Weehawken.	4	could have rented the Lowes Theater,
5	I work in Yonkers, New York. I	5	across the street from the PATH at
6	have to take the Lincoln Tunnel into the	6	Journal Square where the citizens who
7	City to the Henry Hudson Bridge both	7	use it could come free. That's number
8	ways. So, as it is now, \$16 a day just	8	one.
9	to get to and from work.	9	Number two, as I said this
10	If these fare things go through, I	10	morning, I'm a union member. I belong
11	don't know if I'm going to be able to	11	to two unions, and I'm with the sisters
12	keep the job that I have now, and that's	12	and brothers here. I support you. You
13	one more person that's going to be	13	should be working.
14	unemployed.	14	And what I'm going to talk about
15	It's definitely true that a fare	15	the big elephant in the room, and that's
16	increase is going to give lots of people	16	the war. The war budget is the one
17	jobs, but it's also going to take away	17	budget that has not been cut. It's been
18	jobs. It's also going to hurt a lot	18	increased.
19	people, a lot people's livelihood.	19	Your jobs are in Afghanistan.
20	Livelihood (inaudible) spending	20	Your jobs are in Iraq (inaudible) in
20 21 22 23 24	that money which fuels the businesses in	21	Libya, in Iran. When is it going to
22	New York. And if this increase goes	22	stop, you guys? You have take care of
23	through, then that's not necessarily	23	the infrastructure here in the United
24	going to happen. You're going to have	24	States of America.
25	stores going down, you're going have	25	This is a shame. So we support
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1	restaurants going out of business.	1	you. We want these jobs done.
2	And these people aren't being	2	And the Port Authority budgets for
3	heard from. That's not taken into	3	these changes, these fixtures, these,
4	account when people think about this	4	you know, upkeep of the Holland Tunnel
5	fare increase.	5	and the bridges.
6	So I just think that you guys	6	Where is that money? Where is the
7	really need to keep that in mind when	7	insurance money that was gone from the
8	you're thinking about increasing the	8	horrific terror attacks on 9/11?
9	fares.	9	What did Larry Silverstein do with
10	The only thing about who's getting	10	that money? Why are we paying for the
11	the money, think about who's not going	11	rebuilding, the people of New Jersey
12	to get the money, you know. There's a	12	mostly, paying for the rebuilding of
13	lot (inaudible), it just, it just	13	that. That horrific attack.
14	Thank you.	14	And I want to make another point.
15	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	15	My father helped build that building.
16	you.	16	He put the floors in in that building.
17	The next three people are:	17	I was there as a little boy with him
18	(Inaudible), Erik Anders Nilsson,	18	putting those raised floors in there.
19	and Jonathan Hakala.	19	We're paying for an Army. I want
20	MR. NILSSON: Hi, I'm Erik Anders	20	the books audited. And this (inaudible)
21 22 23	Nilsson, N-I-L-S-S-O-N. I'm also the	21	Senator Menendez is calling (inaudible)
22	Director of the Jersey City Peace	22	where's the money?
23	Movement here in Jersey City.	23	What a slap in the face. What a
24	I spoke with (inaudible) I just	24	slap in the face on the 10th anniversary
25	want to say that I find it appalling,	25	on the horrific attacks of 9/11 for you

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1	see what Armageddon really is.	1	more than eight times the rate of
2	I'm going to come clean, you know	2	inflation. That is not going to give a
3	what I'm saying? If I can't take care	3	57 percent wage increase to these union
4	of my family, then see how you take care	4	guys and women.
5	of yours, and I might have to be a part	5	The fare increase was 57 percent.
6	of it.	6	The toll increase from \$8 to \$12 is
7	Thank you very much.	7	50 percent. That is seven times the
8	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	8	rate of inflation in the meantime, and
9	you.	9	you're not getting a 50 percent raise
10	The next three names are:	10	from the Port Authority either.
11	Jonathan Hakala, Henry Wilson, Tom	11	So this idea of pit the union guys
12	Genuario.	12	against the public, it's just wrong.
13	MR. HAKALA: Hi, my is Jonathan	13	So let's let's talk about the
14	Hakala, and I will need to spell that	14	World Trade Center, because I used to
15	for you. H-A-K-A-L-A.	15	spend a lot of time there.
16	I took my first PATH train more	16	We heard the name Larry
17	than 27 years ago, and I think I have a	17	Silverstein and his partners. White
18	little bit of a unique perspective on	18	Goldman, one of his partners, a
19	the Port Authority, because I've	19	billionaire.
	actually done a fair amount of business	20	How much of their own money do you
21	with the Port Authority.	21	think they really have in this
22	I've written rent checks to the	22	\$11 billion World Trade Center
23	Port Authority. I had an office on the	23	reconstruction project? Almost nothing.
24	77th floor of One World Trade Center,	24	The lady is correct.
20 21 22 23 24 25	which has been discussed by a fair	25	And yet we're being asked to pay
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1	number of people so far. And I think I	1	for that on the backs of the fare payors
2	can shed some light on that situation.	2	and the toll payors, and that really is
3	Let's talk about the	3	wrong.
4	infrastructure; the bridges, the	4	The way this should have been done
5	tunnels. I think we all agree that we	5	is in the private sector. We needed to
6	need to modernize our bridges and	6	build two safer taller twin towers.
7	tunnels. I think both sides in this	7	That would have employed twice as many
8	room can agree on that. The question of	8	union guys as the one almost twin tower
9	course is: How do we pay for that?	9	that's six stories less than what we
10	The first thing I think we need to	10	lost.
11	look at is: I went to a United States	11	But the Port Authority caved to
12	government website, and I asked the	12	the politicians who were in love with
13	basic question: How much inflation has	13	this ridiculous architect named
14	there been since the last fare increase,	14	Libeskind, and the public said we're
15	which was voted on in January of 2008?	15	just not gonna go there and they wasted
16	The consumer price index. 7 percent.	16	almost ten years and billions and
17	For those of our union friends who	17	billions of dollars, and it was
18	have had jobs in that time frame, the	18	atrocious.
19	lucky have, my guess is that they're	19	It led to all these union guys
20	also lucky if they even got a 7 percent	20	being unemployed for a lot longer than
21	raise over that period, and probably	21	they needed to be, and it resulted in a
22	didn't even get that.	22	proposal that would it put all on the
23	The PATH fare increase being	23	backs of working people, the middle
21 22 23 24 25	proposed from a dollar seventy five to	24	class, and we can do better.
25	two seventy-five is 57 percent. That is	25	Let's look at the airports, a

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1	hundred fifty million people a year back		revenue, I think this needs to be done.
1 2	and forth. I'm one of them. It's less	1 2	•
1		t	I represent 1700 members and
3	than \$5 per departure or arrival.	3	families in Northern New Jersey;
4	There are other ways. We made	4	plumbers, hard working men and woman who
5	some mistakes. We got to pay for them.	5	have not worked for two years or longer.
6	get. I've done business with the Port	6	Everyday I sit in my office and
7	Authority, but let's reconsider this and	7	they come in to see me or they call me
8	to it better.	8	on the phone and I hear the stories
9	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next	9	firsthand. They're losing their homes.
10	three people are:	10	They're getting divorced because the
11	Tom Genuario (inaudible) and	11	family cannot withstand two years of
12	Esther Wintner.	12	unemployment. They're losing their
13	MR. WiLSON: Hello. First of all,	13	health insurance.
14	I'd like to say my name is Henry Wilson.	14	We are self-funded. We provide
15	I'm 325, Local 325.	15	health insurance to ourselves by working
16	The reason why I'm here to support	16	per hour. We contribute to our own
17	this bill, which is no problem. But as	17	fund. They're losing their health
18	I look around at my brothers and sisters	18	insurance.
19	here out of job, they don't have any	19	But here's the worst part of all,
20	insurance, what could you guarantee us	20	brothers and sisters, and the general
21	that we would have a job there? What	21	public. I have asked, on several
22	can you put in writing that you can	22	occasions, by dedicated, proud, hard
23	guarantee us a job?	23	working so-called middle class families,
24	You want to jack up the price, I	24	okay, where can I go and get food?
25	have no problem with that. I'm with	25	Where's the nearest food bank?
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1	that. What can you guarantee my union	1	These are proud people. All we
2	brothers a job? What can you do to	2	want is jobs. Please get this done.
3	that?	3	Thank you.
4	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: I can't	4	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
5	answer any questions.	5	
6	MR. WILSON: If you can get back	6	you. The next three people are:
7	with us, that's all I want.	7	Angel Hernandez, Anthony Soto and
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ľ	We have no problem supporting, all	_	Richard Lipowski. MR. LIPOWSKI: I'm Richard
9	we need is a job. A job. That's it.	9	
10	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	10	Lipwowski.
11	you.	11	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Go
12	The next three speakers are:	12	ahead.
13	Tom Genuario (inaudible).	13	MR. LIPOWSKI: All right, one
14	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: How you doin'?	14	thing I want to explain to make sure I
15	Tom Genuario, G-E-N-U-A-R-I-O.	15	keep it short. This is a long-term
16	I'm an organizer with plumber	16	thing, ten years' worth of jobs. This
17	Local 24 in Northern New Jersey.	17	ain't a year, we're going to walk away.
18	Listen, nobody wants taxes raised,	18	\$33 billion, ten years' worth of jobs at
19	nobody wants fare hikes, okay?	19	least bear minimum.
20	But what we all agree on is we	20	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
þ 1	need the infrastructure rebuilt. It's	21 22	you.
b2	crumbling. It's falling apart. It's	22	The next three are:
<u> </u>		00	Authoric Coto, Dishood Linecold
23	unsafe. Okay?	23	Anthony Soto, Richard Lipowski,
20 21 22 23 24	unsafe. Okay? And in order to do that we need	23 24	and Sherry Stembridge.

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1	represent Plumbers Local 24.	1	The announcement, I believe, was
2	It seems to me that a lot of	2	on August 5th that these 50 percent fare
3	people who stand up here are people who	3	increases were proposed.
4	have jobs. And the problem should be on	4	I'm actually a New York resident
5	my side of the fence. I've worked a	5	and I commute to New Jersey every day.
6	hundred hours this year. I'm on the	6	So, I drive at times. So, I pay tolls,
7	verge of losing my benefits.	7	and I also take the PATH.
8	I recently just took a job where I	8	So a dollar increase to two
9	have to travel 60 miles each way, and to	9	seventy-five is very extreme, especially
10	pay \$125 a week in travel expenses, and	10	when the MTA is only two twenty-five for
11	I'd gladly do that any time to take a	11	one fare.
12	job. And I'm sure these guys would,	12	And as someone mentioned earlier,
13	too.	13	two twenty-five will take you from
14	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	14	Queens all the way to Brooklyn. And the
15	you.	15	Port Authority really only takes you on
16	The next three people are:	16	three transit lines.
17	Sherry Stembridge and Cynita	17	One, I would like to see what
18	Davis. Richard Lipowski.	18	alternatives were considered by Port
19	MR. LIPOWSKI: Richard Lipowski,	19	Authority as far as increasing peak
20	L-I-P-O-W-S-K-I, Labor Local 325.	20	time, as far as actually getting rid of
b 1	Nobody wants these toll and fare	21	discounts for non-peak non-peak fares
22	hikes. The bottom line, we are the	22	all together. That's the first thing.
23	working people, okay? We haven't had a	23	Recently, Port Authority also
22 23 24	work list that's been hovering around	24	voted to get rid of all discounts for
25	200 members for quite sometime now.	25	non-New Jersey drivers, which to me it
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1	Money means jobs. We need to get these	1	seems there's some revenue should have
2	members, these brothers and sisters out	2	been generated from those, from that
3	to work. We got people losing their	3	recent decision as well.
4	houses, getting evicted from apartments,	4	I think that you need more public
5	getting divorced.	5	hearings. You need to have them at
6	It's a very sad, sad thing to see.	6	better locations, better times, other
7	The bottom line is, is we need to pass	7	than 8:00 in the morning and at 6 p.m.
8	this. I support it. We need work now.	8	during the time when most people take
9	Thank you.	9	the PATH are working, so it's very
10	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	10	inconvenient for people, the locations.
11	you.	11	I would ask again ask for a
12	The next three people are:	12	transparency, an accounting. We need to
13	Sherry Stembridge, Cynita Davis	13	have some private auditors who can
14	and Angle Hernandez.	14	actually come in and say where all the
15	MS. STEMBRIDGE: Good evening. My	15	money is going.
16	name is Sherry Stembridge, S-T-E-M,	16	Because truthfully, Port Authority
17	bridge, B-R-I-D-G-E, and I understand	17	has a monopoly, so you have no choice as
18	everyone's perspective here.	18	far as getting into the City for paying
19	What I don't understand is such a	19	the fares.
20	drastic fare increase. I understand	20	So I strongly ask that there's an
21	that progressive things do increase,	21	independent audit so that the people can
22	things go up, but I cannot support a	22	see where all the money is going.
23	50 percent fare increase because it is	23	Thank you.
20 21 22 23 24 25	so drastic, because it's done in such a	24	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
25	fast fashion.	25	you.

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1	The next three speakers are:	1	bill. Maybe all the way 15, or half,
2	Cynita Davis, Angel Hernandez, and	2	either way work, is coming our way.
] 3	(inaudible).	3	Just (inaudible) we're here, we're
4	MS. DAVIS: Hello, My is Cynita	4	certified. That's it.
5	Davis. I'm from Local 325, and I	5	Thank you.
6	know and I represent all the locals I	6	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next
7	see here today.	7	three speakers are:
8	You need to know, you guys, if the	8	Adela Rohena, Raymond Boccassini,
9	raise up for the Port Authority or not,	9	and Michael Ferrar.
10	it's not going to work because if it	10	We will need an interpreter, a
11	supports jobs or not, it's just going to	11	Spanish interpreter.
12	go up. Because everything is going up,	12	MS. ROHENA: My name is Adela
13	but we do need jobs. Jobs. Jobs.	13	Rohena. I was student of political
14	Jobs. We need jobs.	14	science in Jersey City University. I
15	Thank you.	15	came here to represent the Latin
16	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next	16	community.
17	speakers are:	17	•
18	Angle Hernandez, Daniel Orriols,	18	There are millions of people who
			use the PATH train daily. I'd like to
19	and Adela Rohena.	19	say that I believe this is an insult.
20	MR. HERNANDEZ: Good evening,	20	This building looks like a war to me.
21	everybody . My name Angel G. Hernandez,	21	I would also like to say I have
22	H-E-R-N-A-N-D-E-Z.	22	never been in such an ugly place.
23	I've been living in Jersey City	23	I also would like to say this is
24	since 1966. I've never seen it this	24	an insult to the residents of Jersey
25	worse in my lifetime so far. I've been	25	City. I thought I was going to have a
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1	a proud local member of Local 325	1	(inaudible) when I was coming here.
2	practically 28 years and this is the	2	I am opposed a hundred percent to
3	worse I've ever seen it.	3	the increase in the trains. Because my
4	I vote on the raises but, you know	4	neighbors and myself (inaudible). You
5	what? Guarantee us the jobs that we	5	have to solve the problem of the work of
6	need and then we can give you the raise	6	these people here present without giving
7	that you want.	7	any further problems to the members of
8	All we need is the job. Why don't	8	the society of this state.
9	give us the job first and then we'll	9	PATH has illustrated it has the
10	give you the raise.	10	(inaudible) in all different train
11	Can we work that way? I don't	11	stations.
12	think so, right?	12	That they are not interested in
13	can't have the luxury, like the	13	giving work to the people of these
14	politicians, that's why I don't like	14	cities.
15	political stuff. But I hope I made my	15	I also want to say that it is
16	piece tonight, and that's what we need	16	it's very shameful that there is no form
17	is work. Work. Work.	17	
1 <i>1</i> 18	Thank you.	18	of transportation to this place I just come to.
	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	19	
19			I'd like to ask you: Where have
20	you.	20	you spent all the money? All the
Z1	The next three people are:	21 22 23	thousands and the millions of dollars
22	(inaudible).	22	that you get in the daily operations.
20 21 22 23 24 25	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Local times,	23	This is very shameful that the Latin
24	and we have make they have to make	24	community the Latin community is very
25	difficult choices. So I'm just for this	25	annoyed. I'm going to Governor Christie

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1	and Governor Cuomo in the next	1	these guys up here are telling us that
2	elections.	2	they're going to go union. That they
3	Thank you.	3	(inaudible) nonunion is shame on us, but
4	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	4	they're telling us they're gonna go
5	you.	5	union. That's why we're here.
6	The next three people are:	6	We're not fighting you people.
7	Raymond Boccassini, Michael	7	We're not. We're not (inaudible).
8	Ferrar, and Asheenia Johnson.	8	We're hungry. We're hungry.
9	MR. BOCCASSINI: Hi, I'm Raymond	9	Enough is enough. This prevailing
10	Boccassini, and I'm a member of 325.	10	wage, you got contractors walking in,
11	I've also been a union member all	11	giving them a check, taking it back and
12	my life. I'm third generation union	12	then giving them \$10 an hour, if they're
13	member.	13	lucky, all right?
14	We're not here to fight anybody,	14	I'm an Italian immigrant. My
15	but to get jobs for ourselves. We stand	15	father came over, my grandfather,
16	up here. We had Mayor Healy up here.	16	painting the bridges, you know what? We
17	Right now we're fighting for	17	got to remember what unions do. We
18	(inaudible). Jobs are going to nonunion	18	built this country. Yeah. We built
19	people, and it's ridiculous.	19	this country.
20	These guys, you know, you're all	20	We may be down a little bit today,
21	standing here, you go to work everyday.	21	but remember, the triangle fires back in
22	You know what, I can't go to work,	22	1911, the riots in Detroit.
22 23	because our politicians are giving these	23	Well, I hate to say this to you,
23			
24 25	jobs to people that make \$10 an hour	24 25	it keeps going, we got to eat, too. We
25	that aren't trained.		got to eat, too.
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1	Do you remember what happened in	1	God bless you. Remember union.
2	Hoboken where everything sunk? It	2	Union.
3	wasn't done by union workers.	3	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: The next
4	This this world that is the	4	three speakers are:
5	United States was built by God and union	5	Michael Ferrar (inaudible).
6	unions. And we forgot that. We forgot	6	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I just want to
7	what the union man does.	7	say, I couldn't afford a hole like
8	You say you're union (inaudible).	8	(inaudible). It's ridiculous. We've
9	Us construction guys, every time you	9	about have to got jobs, but you got to
10	turn around, there's guys out there that	10	do it another way.
11	are nonunion, non-trained, non they	11	You got to get the people, you
12	don't do nothing but go in there and	12	know, to pay another way. (Inaudible).
13	swing the hammer.	13	You can't do the tolls, you can't do the
14	Our carpenters, our plumbers,	14	PATH train. You've got to do the stocks
15	they're all trained but, you know what,	15	and bonds, or you have parties or, you
16	Mayor Healy, (inaudible) Christie, it's	16	know, events or something else.
17	all right to hire non-union guys.	17	You can't keep on raising the
18	Well, you know what? We're	18	tolls, you got to decrease. You have to
19	· ·	19	decrease very important, instead of
	hungry. We're hungry. A lot of us	20	
Ku Ku	don't agree with this hike, but you know		increasing on the PATH trains, you know?
20 21 22 23 24 25	what? If it's going to get me work to	21	You know the PATH train (inaudible).
22	feed my family and send my daughter to	22	You can (inaudible) energy, but
F 3	go to school, then, you know what?	23	I'm not for raising the tolls no more.
24	Let's get the hikes going.	24	And, you know, better service and
25	And I agree. Let's make sure that	25	everything like that and, you know,

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1	made-in-America jobs but, you know, no	1	spending, the salaries, and the perks of
2	more pay increase when it comes to the	2	the board of directors, and our
3	PATH PATH train, you know what I	3	legislators. Reinstate the millionaire
4	mean?	4	tax.
5	That's gotta stop. You can't do	5	Now, when you have a man who is
6	it on the heels of American people going	6	one of the richest men in the world
7	to work, of all things.	7	stating on national television and say
8	All right. Thank you very much.	8	that he doesn't believe he is paying his
9	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	9	fare share, that should ring loud and
10	you.	10	clear in New Jersey, New York, and in
11	The next three speakers are:	11	Washington.
12	Asheenia Johnson, Kris Lew, and	12	The gas tax should be increased.
13	Wael Elgawly.	13	We need to make these banks and other
14	MS. JOHNSON: Good evening	14	corporations who are not paying a dime
15	everyone. My name is Asheenia Johnson,	15	to do business in our states pay their
16	spelled A-S-H-E-E-N-I-A, J-O-H-N-S-O-N.	16	fair share as well.
17	I'm a resident of Jersey City, New	17	In addition to that, we live in a
18	Jersey. I'm a student at (inaudible)	18	state that cares more about
19	degree of economics in December.	19	incarcerating people. We pay on average
20	I'm an intern, and also I grew up	20	35,000 to \$65,000 a year to incarcerate
21	in a union family. My mother's retired	21	people for minor misdemeanor charges.
22	postal worker. My father is a retired	22	How many of you guys make 35 to
22 23	electrician. And my stepfather is	23	\$65,000 a year? Didn't think so.
24	retired from US (inaudible).	24	The last thing I have to say is:
25	While I support certain aspects of	25	This is a challenge to all of the
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1	this proposal, overall I have to say	1	workers, the small business owners and
2	that I disagree with it.	2	the citizens here that pay their taxes.
3	The effects of increasing the	3	If you know somebody that is of age to
4	tolls and the fares are going to greatly	4	vote and they not registered to vote,
5	affect small businesses.	5	you need to get them registered and take
6	What's going to end up happening	6	them to vote in all elections, not just
7	is from the economic perspective is	7	the presidential elections because our
8	these businesses are going to have to	8	legislators, both state and national,
9	pay more for the products they sell;	9	are not going to feel the pain until we
10	that's your groceries, your milk, your	10	exercise it with the ballot and turn
11	eggs, your Pampers for your children, so	11	Trenton upside down and Washington, D.C.
12	on and so forth. They're going to pass	12	upside down.
13	that on to us as consumers.	13	The last thing that I have say is
14	And they're also going to have to	14	to the board of directors and
15	layoff workers when they can't afford to	15	legislators, who none of them are here,
16	pay for the things that we need to make	16	shame on you for putting your personal
17	our lives go every day.	17	interest and alliances ahead of sisters
18	I support gradual increases that	18	you're charging with representing.
19	can coincide with wage increases. I say	19	And shame on you for attempting to
	that you should cut discounts for	20	correct your wasteful spending and
21	off-peak hours, and I also support	21	mismanagements by attacking the working
20 21 22 23 24 25	(inaudible) pricing, but I only support	22	class.
23	those things after we do some of	23	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
E 7.	following:	24	
24	IOHOWING.	2-	you.

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1 1	Kris Lew (inaudible).	1	and fare hikes, such as you these, will
2	MS. LEW: My name is Kris Lew.	2	mean a difference between taking the
3	I'm a Jersey City resident. I'm also an	3	train to work or having dinner that
4	1199 SEIU union member.	4	night.
5	I'm here to put the onus on the	5	Now, hear this, okay? You guys
6	Port Authority to reiterate what's been	6	are the ones who need to clean up your
7	said here already.	7	act, fix your accounting, find that
8	There's billions of dollars that	8	money, because it is there. I know it
9	have not been accounted for, we don't	9	is there. Do not pit us against one
10	know what happened to that money.	10	another, because we're smarter than that
11	also call for an individual	11	we can see through you.
12	independent audit, okay? Because what's	12	Thank you.
13	happening in this room right now is the	13	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
14	same thing that's happening throughout	14	you
15	New York City and throughout this	15	The next three speakers are:
16	country, which is:	16	(indicating) Wael Elgawly, Patrick
17	The top few are sitting up there	17	Lipowski.
18	in their ivory towers hoarding	18	MR. ELGAWLY: How you do. My
19	80 percent of the wealth and leaving the	19	name's Wael Elgawly, E-L-G-A-W-L-Y, and
20	20 percent rest of us to (inaudible) the	20	I'd like to say I was not coerced to
21	crumbs they are living behind, okay?	21	come here, also I was not forced to come
22	So what I see happening in this	22	here to be pitted against you.
23	room right now, is the Port Authority is	23	I understand you need to continue
20 21 22 23 24 25	doing an excellent job of putting the	24	to eat, but we need to start eating. A
25	working class against one another, and	25	lot of us haven't worked in over a year,
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1	I'm nothing going to stand here and	1	some a year and a half.
2	watch that happen.	2	And also I'd like to say our
3	l am all about the union. The	3	president (inaudible) in these
4	union brothers and sisters here must be	4	unprecedented measures. It may need to
5	guaranteed jobs if you go ahead with	5	take the toll hike and the PATH hike,
6	these egregious fare and toll hikes.	6	but hopefully a better agreement will
7	I'm a designated 1199 SEIU member	7	come up out of this, and we'll all be
8	who also is walking the line with CWA	8	able to help and live together
9	and Verizon.	9	peacefully.
10	That's the least of what these	10	Thank you very much.
11	union members deserve.	11	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
12	Now, as far as the toll hike and	12	you.
13	the fare hike concerned, I'm a daily	13	The next three speakers are:
14	PATH commuter. A dollar increase for a	14	Al Cusamano, Patrick Lipowski, and
15	single fare, outrageous, not even the	15	Jeffrey Watford.
16	shitty MTA has done that. And	16	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: I've got
17	(indicating) lies much more extensive	17	Al Cusamano?
18	than the PATH.	18	MR. CUSUMANO: How you doin'?
19	And to raise the monthly from \$54	19	Just to let these guys know,
20	to \$89, you must think we are imbecilic	20	there's lot of (inaudible). I don't
21	dummies to sit here and just follow you	21	want you to get mad at me, we're all
22	while you lead us down a path of	22	brothers. We're all fighting for the
20 21 22 23 24 25	destruction.	23	same thing.
54	As you heard, people are already	24	If you got families, we're not
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1	But if you get your CEOs in this	1	I need a new summer house. Oh, my
2	company and see the lives that they	2	summer house is not as big as his.
3	have, you won't believe it. Their lives	3	And I just wish everybody, I wish
4	cost more than anybody's house.	4	you guys get their jobs, you deserve it.
5	And if you want to see what	5	We can't do without it you's, but you're
6	(inaudible) take a look at that.	6	just not going to get it. It's a wet
7	Somebody mentioned do an audit.	7	dream, fellows.
8	That's what they should do.	8	Give me a frigging job first, then
9	Just like MTA in 2000 when they	9	we'll give you a raise.
10	were going broke and they needed a	10	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
11	raise, we needed the raise, they found	11	you.
12	\$500 million hidden that was under the	12	The next three speakers are:
13	table. All right? I mean, you should	13	Patrick Lipowski, Jeffrey Watford,
14	just tell 'em look a little harder.	14	and Carlton Hill.
15	If these guying are guaranteeing	15	Patrick Lipowski?
16	you a job in writing or offering you any	16	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: They spoke
17	(inaudible) any of these wages, then go	17	before.
18	for it, and I'm richer. But you's ain't	18	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Patrick
19	gonna get a job, that's just snow job.	19	Lipowski?
	That's all it is, a snow job.	20	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: He spoke
20 21 22 23		21	already.
21	I blow smoke up (inaudible) butts	22	
22	all my life so I know what I'm talking		HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Jeffrey
23	about. And that's what these guys are	23	Watford?
24	doing. They just want more.	24 25	MR. WATFORD: How you doin'? My
25	Does your pay go up? No. Page 9		name is Jeffrey Watford, W-A-T-F-O-R-D. Page 10
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1	Post Office goes up, service goes	1	My question is:
2	down. Come on. I mean it's ridiculous.	2	This year I've been in Local 325
3	They want you to charge more and	3	since 1977. I'm 53 years old. I hope
4	give the people less.	4	my retirement looks like your retirement
5	Enough is enough. This country is	5	when the times comes.
6	in bad shape and their reason for the	6	I don't want to be out work for
7	bad shape, our soldiers are fighting in	7 -	another nine months trying to figure out
8	some God forsaken desert. Dying kids.	8	how to pay my mortgage. I'm on your
9	Bring them back here and let them	9	side with this. I hope you get what
10	protect the World Trade Center and our	10	it's worth. I hope you get what it's
11	land. And to protect us here, not some	11	worth.
2	God forsaken oil companies.	12	Not just in New York. We don't
13	Instead, let their kids go and	13	want to travel to New York. We got our
14	fight. None of their kids are	14	homes. We got New Jersey to take care
15	(inaudible). They're just handing you a	15	of us.
16	wet dream. That's all it is. These	16	Give us our work here, like you
. •	guys are all full of it. (inaudible).	17	said. That's what we're looking for.
		18	Thank you.
17 18	Where's all the CEOs? Three		
17 18		19	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
17 18 19	people here, where they at?		
17 18 19	people here, where they at? Where's all the big shots? So you	20	you.
17 18 19	people here, where they at? Where's all the big shots? So you can address each and everyone of them.	20 21	you. The next three speakers are:
17 18 19	people here, where they at? Where's all the big shots? So you can address each and everyone of them. But they're not going to do that,	20 21 22	you. The next three speakers are: Jeffrey Watford, Carlton Hill, and
17 18	people here, where they at? Where's all the big shots? So you can address each and everyone of them.	20 21	you. The next three speakers are:

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1	I'm (inaudible) right now. I had	1	What do I do?
2	one day a week to work. I have no	2	I got no roots. Where's my kids?
3	benefits. So we're (inaudible) but what	3	I need all these things in order to
4	we need to think about is going up	4	work.
5	gradually for both sides of the bill.	5	Without this, I'm nobody. Where
6	You know, all these jobs,	6	do I go? I don't know nothing else.
7	(inaudible) like I said, I have no	7	All I know how to do is pick and do what
8	benefits	8	I got to do.
9	Just today I had to call the	9	Get my money, go home, and take
10	benefits take my son off to get him to	10	care of my family.
11	somewhere else. And that's not fair for	11	I ask you guys to do what you got
12	me. And like a lot of us, all of us.	12	to do. I understand. A lot of
13	So I'm hungry. I would gladly like to	13	situations that going on with other
14	work something both ways.	14	different people; some might have good,
15	That's it. Thank you.	15	some might have it bad, but at the end
16	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	16	of the day we all bleed the same color.
17	you.	17	Thank you for everything.
18	The next three people are:	18	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
19	Ivan Carrion, (inaudible), and	19	you.
20	Dominick Napolitano	20	The next people are:
21	MR. LYNCH: Donald Lynch,	21	Dominick Napolitano, (inaudible)
22	L-Y-N-C-H, and I am in favor of the	22	and Oren Elasbat.
23	hikes.	23	MR. NAPOLITANO: Hi, how you
21 22 23 24	The more money we bring in, the	24	doin'?
25	more jobs we will get. There's hard	25	I'm Dominick Napolitano. I'm a
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1	times. We've been (inaudible) times,	1	union member of Local 325, been a member
2	it's time to come out.	2	for 21 years, and I went through good
3	Hard times take hard decision to	3	times, bad times. Right now we're going
4	make. We need this money. We need the	4	through very bad times, and everybody's
5	jobs. People losing their homes,	5	hurting right now and we need to support
6	they're losing their families, and the	6	the hike.
7	hard luck stories just keep on going.	7	I travel to New York. I got to
8	I'm in agreement with you. Thank	8	pay the hike, too. It's not going to
9	you.	9	make a difference but, you know what, we
10	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	10	need this work. This is what you guys
11	you.	11	promised, you're going to give the work
12	Next three people are:	12	to union contractors that are going to
13	Ivan Carrion, Dominick Napoitano	13	support their union men.
14	and Ruben Francisco.	14	And I just want to say, you know,
15	MR. CARRION: My name's Ivan	15	even when 9/11 happened, we were working
16	Carrion, C-A-R-R-I-O-N.	16	down at Goldman Sachs.
17	I'm in favor of this hike. All	17	As union members, we did not turn
18	these guys in here, everybody need	18	our back on the working members of New
19	money. Like everybody has their own	19	York City, the office, we were there for
20	personal lifestyle. I got kids. I got	20	them. We did not forget our families,
21 .	family. Everybody still got to put	21	but we supported to help them.
20 21 22 23 24 25	something on the table.	22	We stopped our jobs, sacrificed
23	Without this, I might lose an	23	our lives to help the members the
24	apartment. Where am I going to go? I	24	families over there that were injured
25	lost my mother. Biggest thing ever.	25	and everything else, coming over on the

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1	ferry (inaudible) and we did not turn	1	daily basis is go to (inaudible) and I
2	our backs on those guys.	2	see how contractors everywhere
3	And I support the Port Authority.	3	struggling. Sometimes five or six years
4	Let's hope they give the work to the	4	ago you go to a building for maybe a 5
5	union contractors so they can give it to	5	or \$6 million project and there will be
6	us. That's it.	6	two or three contractors in there. Now
7	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	7	you go there, you have 40 contractors
8	you.	8	trying to get a 1 or \$2 million job.
9	The next three people are:	9	So any opportunity that these
10	Ruben Francisco and Oren Elasbat.	10	members can get out and get to work,
11	MR. RUBEN: My name is Ruben	11	we're definitely in support of.
12	Francisco. I'm representing Local 325.	12	So I'm here to say that I'm
13	I'm here to support the raise with the	13	definitely in support of the Port
14	promise having jobs for everybody.	14	Authority's claim to help these brothers
15	Remember everybody (inaudible) tonight	15	get the work. Because I talk to a lot
16	and thanks so much.	16	of brothers in a lot states and brothers
17	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	17	are struggling. They gave back a whole
18	you.	18	lot. Everybody giving back.
19	The next speaker is:	19	l keep hearing people saying, you
20	Oren Elasbat.	20	know, what they got to pay to get the
21	MR. ELASBAT: Hello, my name is	21	work. (Inaudible) they are literally
22	Elasbat. I spell my last name,	22	trying to get jobs. And I hear people
23	E-L-A-S-B-A-T	23	saying that they got paid a dollar
20 21 22 23 24	I'm here to support my union	24	fifty-two, two dollars, whatever it's
25	brothers Local 325.	25	going to be to get to their jobs, but at
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1	Also I support the proposal that	1	least you have a job to get to.
2	PA propose to add.	2	Thanks you.
3	And also I also thank you for	3	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
4	this moment, and I will say to you if	4	you.
5	you guarantee to us this proposal, you	5	Next is person is:
6	guarantee us jobs, work, if we support,	6	Holland Raulston.
7	again. If not, I have to feed this	7	MR. RAULSTON: Holland Raulston,
8	child right here. Two or three months	l 8	r-A-U-L-S-T-O-N, Jr. Good evening
9	ago his mom told me, you don't bring	9	everyone.
10	food to the table, you got leave. Who's	10	The first thing I would like to
11	going to feed this kid? So please, give	11	say is that the needs of the many
12	us jobs and guarantee us work.	12	outweigh the needs of the few.
13	Thank you.	13	Now we're all human in here, and
14	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank	14	we know that when we get a cold, we
15	you.	15	might take some medicine. It might not
16	The next two speakers are:	16	taste too good, but it's good for us.
17	Demetrius DeRamus and Holland	17	So that's how we look at these
18	Raulston:	18	toll increases is that it doesn't feel
19	MR. DeRAMUS: Good evening, My	19	good but it's good for us and it's good
	name is Demetrius DeRamus. That's D-e,	20	for the economy.
51	capital, R-A-M-U-S.	21	It's going to stimulate jobs. We
22	I'm an organizer guy with the	22	know that we need jobs in this country.
23	Laborers Union of New York America, and	23	To me the toll raises are bigger than
20 21 22 23 24	I'm here to support these brothers.	24	New Jersey. To me, they as big as a
۴	One of the things that I do on a	25	America. Because if we can build and
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1	create jobs here in Jersey, we're	1	back and forth about whether it's a good
2	creating jobs for the country.	2	thing.
3	We have to look at the big	3	Within our hearts we know it's a
4	picture, and the big picture is	4	good thing. We know it's a good thing.
5	everybody in the state.	5	We can see it. We know how it feels to
6	Stimulate the economy. Stimulate	6	go to work and to bring money home, send
7	the economy. How do you do that? By	7	your kids to college, buy new clothes
8	putting men to work.	8	for your children. These are good
9	We have a project in Jersey City,	9	feelings.
10	they putting men to work, it's going to	10	So we want some support in that
11	help men in New York, union men,	11	area and we're here showing what we
12	nonunion men. It's going to help our	12	need. We're here asking as men, telling
13	country.	13	you what we need, and we need these toll
14	So why do we be opposed, or how	14	increases.
15	can be we be opposed to something that	15	I'm saying there's other solutions
16	we all know we need. We need to	16	to ease the pain, but sometimes for
17	stimulate the economy.	17	both, pain is necessary.
18	The solution can be run across the	18	Being a little uncomfortable is
19	bridge. Do it like we do in America:	19	necessary, but don't lose site of the
20	Car pool, see? So that way will cut the	20	big picture. And that's stimulating the
21	prices and we can do it.	21	American economy, not just for New
22	We're smart individuals. We're	22	Jersey and New York, but for the whole
23	some of the greatest people on the face	23	country.
64 24	of the earth, and we need to come	24	Alf right. Thank you.
20 21 22 23 24 25	together and help put members working in	25	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Thank
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1	New York, putting things back on the	1 1	you.
2	right track, not pointing fingers at one	2	Is there anyone else who would
3	another, see?	3	like to say anything?
4	Supporting the President and his	4	(No response from the audience.)
5	plan. Supporting the Congress and their	5	HEARING OFFICER DePALLO: Okay,
6	plan. Supporting the City. This is	6	let the record reflect that no one else
7	what we need. We need to put men in	7	has answered affirmative to that
8	work. We need to do it with this bill	8	question.
9	and this project.	9	The time now is 7:58, and this
10	So that's my point, not just to	10	morning this evening's hearing is
11	you, sir, who I guess is the member of	11	concluded.
12	the Port Authority, but it's to	12	Thank you very much.
13	everybody who's within earshot.	13	•
14	We need to put men to work. We	14	(Whereupon, at 8:00 p.m., the
15	need to stimulate the economy, and this	15	proceedings were concluded.)
16	is a great thing to do it.	16	. •
17	Once again, the needs of the many	17	000
18	outweigh the needs of the few.	18	
19	So we have to (inaudible)	19	
bo	politician here. We had a lot of	20	
51	support for the bill. If you look at	21	
20 21 22 23 24 25	the facts and figures, I'm sure it's	22	
b3	more people in support of putting	23	
54	manpower to work, as opposed to sitting	22 23 24	
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2 0	around twiddling our fingers debating	ĽΟ	

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