

PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
**KEVIN M. BYRNE**

April 3, 2025

Neal Zuckerman  
Board Member  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
420 Lexington Avenue, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10170

Dear Mr. Zuckerman:

When I first interviewed you for a recommendation so you could continue representing Putnam County on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board, I made several considerations. Namely, you had already been serving in the role as a board member recommended by my Republican predecessor, MaryEllen Odell, and were duly nominated by the Governor; you and I had discussed my opposition to the state's proposed congestion-pricing policy (a policy I voted against as a member of the state Assembly); and lastly, I felt you conveyed a genuine desire to work across the aisle regardless of political differences to represent the people of Putnam County.

Unfortunately, your recent tenure has demonstrated the opposite as it pertains to the latter two points. You have not only outright opposed the policy positions of this county government and Administration but have openly assailed several officials who were duly elected by the people of Putnam County.

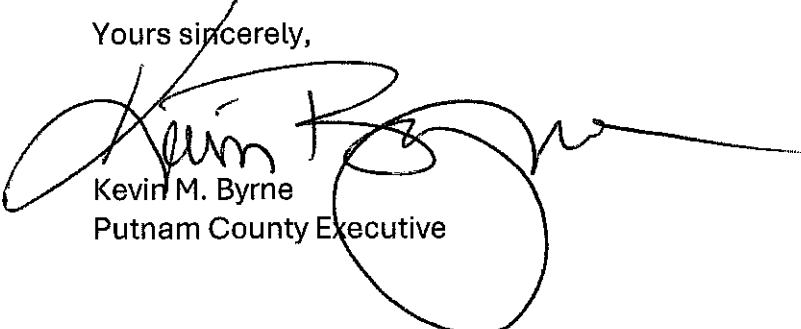
This letter serves as my administration's official request that you resign your position with the 23-member MTA Board effective immediately. I have reached this decision after careful reflection of your recent actions and in light of our incompatible position with respect to Governor Kathy Hochul's costly and unfair Central Business District Tolling Program, also known as "congestion pricing."

Furthermore, recent reports make clear that you intend to present yourself as a candidate for public office and seem to be using your position in furtherance of that pursuit. As such, it is imperative that we have a representative on the board who is dedicated to the position and accurately reflects the views of this county and administration.

For these reasons, you no longer have the confidence of my administration. It would be improper for you to pretend you represent Putnam County on the MTA Board.

I look forward to your timely response to this request as well as your intention to resign from the board in a manner which is dignified and appropriate. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin M. Byrne  
Putnam County Executive

KMB:lr

Cc: President Donald J. Trump  
US Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy  
NYS Governor Kathy Hochul  
US Senator Charles Schumer  
US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Congressman Mike Lawler  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chair and CEO Janno Lieber  
New York Metropolitan Transportation Council  
State Sen. Pete Harckham  
State Sen. Rob Rolison  
Assembly Member Dana Levenberg  
Assembly Member Matt Slater  
Putnam County Legislature Chair Amy Sayegh