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The Honorable Wayne Langerholc, Jr.  
Senate Box 203035  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3035

The Honorable Marty Flynn  
Senate Box 203022  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3022

Dear Senator Langerholc and Senator Flynn:

Thank you for your support of public transportation in the most recent state budget. Your commitment is having a positive impact on our community, especially for the thousands of employees Penn Medicine who rely on SEPTA for their daily commutes.

As one of the largest private employers in the state, we recognize the importance of accessible public transit not only for our staff but also for the patients we serve. In collaboration with SEPTA, Penn Medicine offers free monthly passes to thousands of eligible employees. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to encourage more riders to use SEPTA and help restore ridership.

While last year's budget provided essential funding, we urge you to consider additional support for SEPTA during this fall's legislative session. We recognize that public transportation is encountering significant challenges post-pandemic, but we are confident that through strategic investment and collaboration with the state, local counties, and the City of Philadelphia, we can improve and sustain this vital resource. Maintaining robust transit services is crucial, not just for our employees, but for the many patients who depend on SEPTA to reach our facilities for care. Many of these individuals are facing health challenges and are low-income, making affordable and reliable transportation even more essential.

We appreciate your consideration of dedicated funding to sustain and enhance our transit systems. We look forward to working together to ensure that our transportation networks remain strong and effective for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin B. Mahoney".

Kevin B. Mahoney  
Chief Executive Officer  
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