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Kerry L. Thomas, Division Director
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Dear Director Thomas:

I just wanted to take a moment to extend my sincere thanks to you and your staff at the Office for Domestic Preparedness for providing the necessary expertise from Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) the past five months, while they performed a needs assessment for NJ TRANSIT.

With the implementation of this new technical assistance program by the Department of Homeland Security, Office for Domestic Preparedness, NJ TRANSIT was able to assess the security and response capability needs of our agency to reduce risks. The needs assessment was not just another vulnerability assessment, but rather a risk reduction strategy. This process enabled NJ TRANSIT to quantify risk and will now afford us the opportunity to make effective allocations of economic resources in the future.

The SAIC team, while at NJ TRANSIT, provided the necessary expertise along with demonstrating a high level of professionalism during the various stages of the needs assessment, which included a Criticality Assessment, Threat Assessment, Vulnerability Assessment, Impact Assessment and the agencies Response Capabilities Assessment. I was also quite impressed with the professional and on-time delivery of the various work product reports that were prepared and delivered to my office from SAIC. Overall, I was thoroughly pleased with the way this project was handled and want you to know, having completed this assessment, I can speak very highly of the Office for Domestic Preparedness with this assessment methodology.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to have received the first transit needs assessment in the United States and I hope we at NJ TRANSIT have been helpful in providing the necessary feedback for you and your staff to continue this valuable service. If there is anything of mutual concern that I can be of assistance with, please contact me at 973-491-8555.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph C. Bober". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the typed name and title.

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