

Dear Senator Prozanski:

Fare Inspector jobs can be intensely dangerous because they deal with people who break the law. Fare inspectors are assaulted weekly.

The Transit Police are the only ones who have their backs when they need help.

With this kind of abuse, I can't imagine how it will be when the public learns HB 4097 will stop the police from being near them.

Fare Inspectors need all the tools they can get to make our transit systems safe. And having a police officer should help them in dangerous situations. It should calm matters. People are less likely to assault a Fare Inspector when police are nearby.

Transit riders are very worried. In the wake of the Jeremy Christian case, I don't blame them. It is a daily reminder on local and national news that bad things can happen. When the public learns this bill will prevent transit police from being present with fare inspectors, I know it means fewer people will ride transit. They don't feel safe now. Removing police will make this worse!

Please stop HB 4097.

Sincerely,

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