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Honorable Mayor Carlos Alvarez  
Miami-Dade County  
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January 25, 2010

Dear Mayor Alvarez:

This letter is a follow-up to my e-mail dated January 12, 2009, sent to Miami-Dade Transit Director, Harpal S. Kapoor. In that e-mail, which is attached for your review, I asked Mr. Kapoor to assure CODI (Commission On Disability Issues) and by extension the disability community, that there would be no interruption in Miami-Dade County's Paratransit service commonly referred to STS. To date, there has been no response to that request.

As the clock ticks closer to the March 21, 2010 expiration of the existing contract, and numerous media headlines about the arrest of ATS employees and its fallout continue to reverberate, the thousands of Miami-Dade residents who rely on this program to get to school, work, and live their lives in Miami-Dade are growing more and more uneasy.

We are in need of that reassurance that the service that so many of us need will continue. Further, the disability community needs to be a part of the on-going oversight of the STS program that we have so steadfastly worked to ensure remains of the highest quality possible. This is particularly important because so many in our community depend on this service and as stakeholders, that people with disabilities know how important we are to this process and the operation of the service.

CODI stands ready to assist you in these tumultuous times.

Sincerely,



Damian P. Gregory  
Chairperson  
Commission On Disability Issues

Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
Harpal S. Kapoor, Director Miami-Dade Transit  
County Manager, George M. Burgess