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Brian Shortsleeve,
Chief Administrator & Acting General Manager
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
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Dear Chief Administrator Shortsleeve,

I write to express my concern following last night's smoke-filled Orange Line train at Back Bay Station. As you are well aware, the overheated motor brought the line to a standstill when many of my constituents were attempting to return home to their families, go to work to start their shifts, and make their appointments on time. The resulting situation was terrifying, as riders scrambled to escape from the train, confused as to the cause of the smoke.

I am aware of the investments we are making to the system, yet yesterday's horrific event makes all of us question what the MBTA is doing to make sure the system is, first and foremost, safe and reliable.

In this vein, I would like to set up a meeting with you as soon as possible to discuss how the MBTA will ensure that all passengers are able to make it to their destinations in a safe and timely manner. Please contact my office at 617-722-2430 so we can arrange a time to meet. I look forward to discussing these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Sánchez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeffrey Sánchez
State Representative
15th Suffolk/Norfolk District