

August 20, 2025

Dave Reage, Chair Marco D'Angelo, President & CEO

Canadian Urban Transit Association Suite 1401, 55 York St. Toronto, Ontario M5J 1R7

RE: Bill C-395, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Public Transit Workers)

Dear Mr. Reage and Mr. D'Angelo,

The Niagara Transit Commission and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 846 are writing to you in support of Bill C-395, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Public Transit Workers). Thank you for your advocacy on this issue and work bringing this bill forward.

Transit workers are essential to providing transit services across Canada. Our dedicated Niagara Transit operators, terminal staff, customer service workers and others are dedicated to providing a reliable and safe experience for thousands of residents who rely on transit every day. They deserve to feel safe and protected while engaged in the performance of their duties.

In recent years, incidents of violence and harassment against front-line transit workers have escalated and no transit agency, including Niagara Transit, has been spared. Transit workers are often vulnerable to these types of incidents and when one worker is subject to violence, it is felt by all. These incidents leave not only physical trauma but mental trauma as well and push dedicated workers away from our industry and the positive impacts they have on their community.

We are asking for you to continue your advocacy and use this letter of support to demonstrate the Niagara Transit Commission and ATU 846's solidarity on this serious



issue to our federal government partners. Together we should do all we can to ensure the safety of our workers and protect transit in our communities.

Sincerely,

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