

60 Bay Street  
Staten Island, NY 10301-2514



## Staten Island Railway

September 16, 2003

Ms. Dee Vandenburg, Local Chairperson  
United Transportation Union, Local 1440  
423 Cornelia Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10312

Dear Ms. Vandenburg:

In response to your letter of September 15, 2003, please be advised there is no provision in the Empire Plan coverage for employees represented by the United Transportation Union that allows for domestic partner coverage.

If you have any questions, please call me at 718 876 8248.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert S. Curcio".

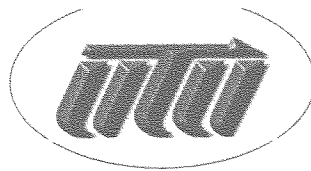
Robert S. Curcio  
Manager, Pension Administration & Benefits

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Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Manager Robert Curcio  
MTA/SIR – Benefits  
60 Bay Street – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.  
S.I., N.Y. 10301

Re: Employee Leslie Rios

Dear Manager Curcio,

It has come to the attention of our Organization that the above-mentioned employee has supplied you with the attached copy of her “Certificate of Domestic Partnership” from the City of New York, Office of the City Clerk.

I have done some research on this and have attached what I have found on the Internet. It seems that this was passed in New York in all five (5) boroughs in 1993.

Could you please check with our Empire Plan on this issue and inform me of what procedure needs to be taken to have Ms. Rios’ coverage extended to her legal registered domestic partner, Melissa Medina-Rios.

Thanking you for your time and assistance on this and all matters, I am,

Very truly yours,

Dee G. Vandenburg, LC

CC: UTU Member Rios  
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