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May 1, 2007

Ms. Donna Metcalfe
Recording Secretary
Teamsters Local 952
140 S Marks Way
Orange, CA 92868-2612

Dear Ms. Metcalfe:

At the request of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger intervened Monday, April 30, halting a strike and launching the process that hopefully would lead to a cooling-off period between OCTA and the coach operators' Teamsters Union. The governor determined a strike would significantly disrupt public transportation services and endanger the public's health, safety or welfare.

The action sets in motion a process intended to bring the two parties together to continue negotiating and resolving the issue. A state board has been appointed to write a factual report on the negotiations within seven days. A strike is prohibited during this period. After receiving the report, the governor may request the attorney general petition the court for a 60-day injunction against a strike.

OCTA's bus services are an absolute necessity for people traveling to and from work, school, medical appointments, grocery shopping and activities. More than 200,000 riders a day use OCTA buses making the transit service the 12th busiest in the nation.

OCTA has made a very generous offer to its 1,100 coach operators – a more than 13 percent increase in wages and benefits over the next three years. Union leaders have broken off negotiations and we are eager to have them return to the bargaining table so we can reach our common goal of offering the highest level of customer service that riders expect, while at the same time providing fair compensation for our coach operators.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer

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