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NYC Campaign Finance Board  
40 Rector Street, 7th Floor  
New York, New York 10006

Dear Campaign Finance Board:

I am a Bus Operator working for MTA Bus. I'm constantly in public view and I interact with hundreds of people each day. Every day, I constantly see the power of big money advertising, not only on my bus but on billboards and posters which are everywhere in our City. I understand that the Campaign Finance Board is concerned about the power of big financial interests to shape who gets elected to public office, and I share your concern. Additionally, members of the public rightly are annoyed by constant political ads and robo-calls which are standard procedure at election time. Yet as a union member, I can tell you that the communications coming from my union are not an annoyance. Instead, they are helpful in informing me of my political options. I pay dues money so that the union can do research and figure out how best to advance my wages and working conditions. I believe I am entitled to the results of that research, which is best expressed in who the Union decides to support politically. That's why I am asking you to consider communications between the union leadership and our members to be protected and not subject to new rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

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