



Dear MTA Board Member:

Since you are one of the people who oversee the MTA, I am seeking some insight into the hiring of Diana Jones Ritter as the MTA's Managing Director – at a salary of \$217,000.

This ranks among the MTA's most critical personnel decisions since Jones Ritter will oversee:

Cost-cutting	Consolidation
Consolidation	Restructuring
Communications	Corporate Affairs
Government Relations	Procurement
Real Estate	Human Resources Policy
Pensions	Capital Programs
Planning	Sustainability
Environmental Compliance	Information Technology

While Chairman Walder says Jones Ritter “has a stellar track record at all levels of government,” we found that’s simply not true.

For the past two years, Jones Ritter has been Commissioner of the State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD). During her tenure:

- The New York State Senate Task Force on Government Efficiency said the OMRDD was among the most inefficient agencies – with the 3rd highest overtime costs.
- The Task Force described real estate purchases by OMRDD as “shockingly wasteful.”
- Task Force Chairman Sen. Jeffrey Klein says Jones Ritter failed to curb “rampant, wasteful spending” at OMRDD.
- The State Inspector General found “apparent nepotism ... in employment practices” – and Jones Ritter acknowledged a failure to provide proper guidance.

I am asking two questions of every MTA Board Member:

- 1) Do you support the hiring of Diana Jones Ritter as MTA Managing Director?
- 2) Please explain your answer to #1

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Sincerely,

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