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## MEMORANDUM ON 13(c) and the MBTA

Under "section 13(c)" of the Federal Transit law, the Department of Labor certifies that certain labor protections - including the preservation of rights guaranteed under existing collective bargaining agreements - will be adhered to by recipients of federal transit grants. Following certification, the FTA releases grant money to local transit authorities.

On September 23, DoL certified 4 transit grants for the MBTA in the amount of approximately \$4.5 million. On September 24, DOL received a letter from James LaSala, President of the Amalgamated Transit Union, informing DOL that the MBTA had initiated certain privatization actions which they allege would "imperil [MBTA's] eligibility for continued Federal Assistance under the Federal Transit Act." ATU alleges some 2200 employees' jobs would be jeopardized during the coming year by these actions.

Next week the Department Of Labor will send a letter requesting that the MBTA explain how it intends to comply with its existing section 13(c) arrangements in light of its recent privatization actions.

DoL has been in contact with the Federal Transit Administration and the offices of Senators Kennedy and Kerry, as well as the ATU, with regard to this matter.

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