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Faxed and Mailed

Re: MTA's Regulation of Free Speech Activities

Dear Mr. Schnorrenberg:

The Office of General Counsel, Maryland Transit Administration is in receipt of your letters dated July 11, 2006 and August 10, 2006.

The Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 11.06.01 ("Regulation") is not unconstitutional, invalid on its face or as applied to ACORN, overbroad or vague as you present. The cases that you cite in your July 11, 2006 letter are not dispositive in the situation involving ACORN.

ACORN refuses to adhere to the requirements set forth in the Regulation. The Regulation is necessary in order to "protect transit and rail patrons using MTA stations and premises from repeated communications or encounters which might constitute a captive audience, harassment, or intimidation;" COMAR 11.06.01 A(3) and "ensure the safe, free, and orderly flow of transit patron traffic through MTA stations and premises". COMAR 11.06.01 A(4).

MTA is very diligent in the safety of its patrons and security of its property. ACORN made a conscious decision to violate the Regulation by arriving at a location different from the one requested by ACORN and stated on the permit, in an area not designated as a free area. The Regulation provides that "free speech activities shall be conducted strictly in conformity with the terms and conditions of these regulations and the permit", COMAR 11.06.01.11 A(2) and "only in or upon MTA stations and premises which are free areas". COMAR 11.06.01.11 A(3). The ACORN representative was very uncooperative and disruptive to MTA operations. COMAR 11.06.01 B states that

A person desiring to engage in activities at any Metro, Light Rail, or MARC station and premises which involve the exercise of constitutional freedoms... shall be protected in those activities in accordance with these regulations, provided that the activities do not:

(2) Result in interference with the transportation function or the safe operations of MTA stations and premises.

The MTA cannot and will not allow such behavior. The representative made it very clear that he would not adhere to the Regulation by his continual refusal to cease the unlawful activity.

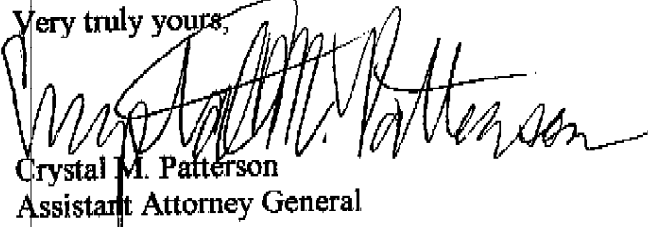
MTA is justified in its action to deny further permits to ACORN. COMAR 11.06.01.09 A(8) states that "An application shall be denied and refused, and a permit cancelled, if one or more of the following reasons exist: A breach or violation of these regulations or the terms and conditions of a permit occurs".

ACORN has clearly violated the Regulation.

Thus, MTA is not "targeting ACORN based on the nature of its proposed expression" as you state. MTA is enforcing the Regulation that ensures protection of transit and rail patrons in a safe, free and orderly environment.

MTA opposes your position of this matter and will continue to enforce the Regulation.

Very truly yours,



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