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Current Event #3(Senate)

Subject Category- Senate

Publication name- The Subways Are Facing Five Alarm-Fire

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Author- Patrick J. Foye and John Samuelson

Impact- The Corona virus pandemic is hitting one of New Yorks' most important systems. The once used system of subways in all of New York that takes working class citizens to work, has been shutdown. This happened after 131 transit workers caught the Corona virus and died. With transit systems being shutdown will cause revenue losses with a whopping 200 million every week. It is this much due to them losing money in, fare revenues, declines in ridership, tolls subsidies, and pandemic related expenses. With them being down they are affecting the whole world because New York accounts for 8% of the worlds gross domestic product, and with them down we will not be economically stable.

Analysis- I always thought the subways were a last resort method for travel and that they'd soon be coming to an end. The fact that subways pick up over 8.5 million people to take them to there jobs or place of interest blows my mind. With them losing millions of dollars because they can't rack in there normal number of customers due to Covid. My only questions is why hasn't the Senate stepped in and found an alternate way of getting theses people to their jobs. Im dumbfounded with the fact that the U.S. senate is ok with losing millions of dollars every week and isn't even helping. New York supplies us with a minimum percentage of the nation's gross domestic product and that can account for a lot of products. The U.S senate needs to step in and help find a way to resolve this issue in the best way fit because America is losing out on millions of dollars.

Who is the M.T.A. and why are they the ones controlling what happens to the subways, this should be a government issue wich should be looked at by the Senate. The Subways are gonna keep losing money if they don't find a way to get their normal amount of customers. Their main problem is finding a way to keep the customers and employees safe and healthy so no trace of the Corona virus will be found on the employees or the customers. Once they do that their ridership will sky rocket through the roof. Than the 8% of the nations gross domestic product will be back on track.

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Publication Name- Amtrak Will Furlough Over 2,000 Workers Because Of The Coronavirus

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Author- Pranshu Verma

Impact- Covid-19 is affecting the Amtrak railroad company in a drastic way. Due to the Corona scaring people and making them stay home or not want to be in crowded places, the Amtrak company has lost a lot of there customers. This causes them to not be able to reach their yearly income. Their is being major cuts in employment since they have had a huge decline in ridership ever since March. 2,000 employees are being furloughed from the Amtrak company due to the drastic decrease in ridership. Daniel Lipinski, who is a Democrat of Illinois and a member of the House said, “Amtrak workers provide an essential service to travelers and communities. These workers deserve better from Amtrak leadership.” This will affect 2% of the Nations union jobs.

Analysis- Why is Amtrak just now starting to make changes when they could’ve been made a plan on what to do when the company was going to start being affected by the Corona virus pandemic. Since they waited this long now their having to furlough two thousand employees and their asking the government again in aid by giving the Amtrak \$1.4 billion dollars on top of the \$1 billion dollars they were already given. If Daniel Lipinski feel so hurt about the company having to furlough 10 % of Amtrak’s 20,000 employees then why hasn’t he done anything to try and help, instead of just making a statement on how he feels about the whole ordeal. Why would the job cuts be necessary when the main issue is finding a way to boost their ridership and revenue. Their ridership has dropped by 95% since March, so why is the first thing they think to do is furlough 2000 of their hard working employees.

If this is such a big deal to the House then why is their only plan to fix their situation, furloughing their employees. What they should do is find a way to protect their customers from the COVID virus. Once they do that their revenue and ridership will go back to the way it used to be and all their employees could come back. Then once they do that they won’t have to keep asking the government for money because they would already have their money

from the customers riding their railroads. The Amtrak rail road company is worried about the wrong thing and if they don't get it together they will keep losing money, customers, and ultimately employees until there are none left.