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Statement from Councillor Frances Nunziata on ATU Local 113's call for emergency financial support for transit employees

Toronto City Councillor Frances Nunziata released the following statement in response to ATU Local 113's call for emergency financial support for transit workers from the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario:

"I stand behind ATU Local 113 in their call for emergency financial support from the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to prevent the layoffs of 1200 Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) employees.

The reduction of ridership due to the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the TTC's service capacity, but it should not impact the income of its employees. The men and women who keep our buses, streetcars, subways, and Wheel-trans vehicles moving also keep our healthcare and other essential workers moving to help our community get through this difficult time. TTC employees have been on the frontlines throughout this pandemic, putting their health at risk for all of us, and they should not have to face layoffs.

Emergency financial support from the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario is needed for our City's public transit system. The livelihood of our transit employees must be protected."

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