

# THE FRIENDS OF LIBERTY STATE PARK

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State Senators and Assemblypersons of the 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, and 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Districts of NJ

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Dear Hudson County Legislators,

You may have read about NJ Transit's unconscionable abolition of the Liberty State Park shuttle bus, as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. This shuttle bus, #305, has the crucial route from the LSP Light Rail Station into and throughout LSP. The Jersey Journal story on May 11 is on our website at [http://www.folsp.org/pdf/shuttle\\_bus.pdf](http://www.folsp.org/pdf/shuttle_bus.pdf)

Please strongly urge NJ Transit's Executive Director Mr. James Weinstein to save the #305 LSP Shuttle bus even if it is for a minimum of weekends only through Labor Day!

It would be a travesty to end mass transit into NJ's beloved urban state park. During these hard economic times, the urban people need and deserve LSP more than ever before. LSP has an extremely beneficial mental, physical and spiritual health impact on all who visit.

The state's killing this shuttle bus route into the park behind Lady Liberty and Ellis Island would be a terrible and embarrassing signal about NJ's commitment to the urban people's quality of life and to park visitors from around our nation and world.

Without the shuttle, the urban people wouldn't be able to get into the urban park unless they have cars or unless they are healthy and young and can walk 1.3 miles to the historic CRRNJ Terminal and 2.4 miles to LSP's South End picnic area and Statue overlook lawn.

Ridership figures show that approximately 1000 people used the shuttle on weekends last summer. Families seeking to enjoy unstructured recreation, picnics, nature, etc.; people who are going on the ferries to Lady Liberty and Ellis Island; and people who work at the park depend on the shuttle.

Please fight to save the Shuttle Bus. How can we have an urban state park and no mass transit into and around one of the world's greatest urban parks. Please save the # 305!

Sincerely,

*Sam Pesin*

Sam Pesin, president on behalf of the Board of The Friends and our 900 members