

TO: THE NEWS EDITOR

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**TRANSPORT AUTHORITY'S BOARD DISAPPOINTED IN NCOTA & RTAJ'S
NON- ATTENDANCE AT ITS MEETING**

The Board of the Transport Authority is expressing disappointed in the non-attendance of two of three umbrella Taxi Association Presidents, invited to attend its board meeting held today, July 28, 2011, to discuss matters relating to the Transport Authority as raised by them in the media, recently. Chairman of the Board, Mr. George Johnson indicated that the actions of the two Umbrella Taxi Associations, National Council Of Taxi Associations (NCOTA) & Route Taxi Association of Jamaica (RTAJ), are unfortunate as they have missed the opportunity to outline their concerns to the Board regarding the operations of the Authority, and explore effective policy strategies to treat with them.

He also stated that prior to last week's outburst, the Board of the Authority was unaware of any burning, unresolved issues of the groups, which participated in a scheduled quarterly meeting just days before (on June 30, 2011) with nine (9) members of the Transport Authority's Management Team.

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Meanwhile, the sole attendee of the meeting, NATO’s President Michael Morgan pledged NATO’s full support for the leadership of the Transport Authority while indicating that it was the first time since 2003, that Taxis Association Presidents had experienced this level of access to the Authority’s senior Management team. Mr. Morgan expressed that while, NATO had suggestions for improving the sector, these were issues that he was confident in the Management Team’s ability to review and resolve.

In furtherance of the Authority’s policy, the Chairman says the door is still open for dialogue and discussions with these Associations.

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Chairman, Board of Directors
Transport Authority

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