

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to appeal a Right-to-Know request sent to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority that is “Deemed Denied.” On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I sent a request for *“Any and all audio recordings made for automated public announcement in SEPTA stations and on board any SEPTA vehicle including subway cars, trains, busses, and trolleys. This should include, but should not be limited to, route welcome announcements (“Welcome to Route 34...”, etc), announcements for stops on a route, public safety announcements, next-to-arrive announcements, and door closing announcements.”* As of this date I have not received a response.

I assert that these are public records as they represent the activity of the agency. Notably, the PA Right-to-Know Law’s definition of “Record” includes sound recordings. These records are not exempt – the public already hears most of them on a daily basis.

The RTK request, submitted on June 15<sup>th</sup>, is attached alongside this appeal. The agency did not respond to my request, so it is “deemed denied” and I have no written denial to attach or respond to.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this appeal,

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