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**TransitCenter Applauds Senator Charles Schumer for Championing Legislation to Improve Commuter Benefits for New Yorkers**

New York, NY, November 7, 2011 – Dan Neuburger, president and CEO of TransitCenter, Inc., provider of TransitChek commuter benefits, issued the following statement today regarding Senator Schumer’s continued leadership in supporting Federal legislation to improve mass transit benefits for New York families and businesses.

“Through his sponsorship of Senate Bill S. 1034: Commuter Benefits Equity Act of 2011, Senator Schumer understands New York commuters are challenged in this economic climate and transit operators are under pressure to reduce budget gaps. Tax-free commuter benefits help keep riders on board when fares go up because participants continue to save. Through TransitChek, we mitigate mounting commuting costs by offering employees the opportunity to save hundreds of dollars each year.

In the New York metro area, commuters saved over \$200 million last year because of the transit benefit. Employers have saved significantly as well, over \$45 million since the benefit went into effect in the New York area. Approximately 15,000 companies in New York offer the transit benefit covering more than half a million employees.”

Commuter benefits have joined health, retirement and disability at the top of the list of voluntary benefits offered by companies. The monthly transit \$230 benefit cap is set to be cut nearly in half to \$125 a month at the end of 2011 – unless Congress acts to extend it.

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**About TransitCenter**

TransitCenter ([www.transitcenter.com](http://www.transitcenter.com)) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advocate for greater use of mass transit in order to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. TransitCenter engages in a wide variety of activities in support of transit. We are a pioneer and a leading national provider of tax-free commuter benefits through our TransitChek<sup>®</sup> programs. Through education and awareness activities, we also promote the essential benefits of transit, foremost among them making communities better places – and more sustainable places – to work and live.