

Dissemination of Notice

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Title VI Complaint Procedure

Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin by Bergen County Community Transportation (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the agency’s Title VI Complaint Form. Bergen County Community Transportation investigates complaints received no more than 10-14 days after the alleged incident. The Authority will process complaints that are complete.

Once the complaint is received, the Authority will review it to determine if our office has jurisdiction. The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by our office.

Bergen County Community Transportation, 178 Essex St, Lodi, NJ, 07644.

The Authority has 30 days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, the Authority may contact the complainant. The complainant has 10 business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within 10 business days, the Authority can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.

After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two letters to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF). A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed. An LOF summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member or other action will occur. If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, she/he has 30 days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.

A person may also file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration, at FTA Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Bergen County's Title VI Complaint Form

Note: The following information is needed to assist in processing your complaint.

A. Complainant's information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number (Home): _____

Telephone Number (Work): _____

Email Address: _____

Accessible Format Requirements? (Select One or More)

☐ Large Print

☐ Other

B. Person discriminated against (if someone other than complainant):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number (Home): _____

Telephone Number (Work): _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to the person for whom you are complaining: _____

Please explain why you have filed for a third party: _____

Please confirm that you have obtained the permission of the aggrieved party if you are filing on behalf of a third party.

☐ Yes

☐ No

C. Which of the following best describes the reason you believe the discrimination took place?

_____ Race

_____ Color

_____ National Origin

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

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Federal Agency

Federal Court

State Agency _____

State Court

Local Agency _____

Name: _____

Title: _____