Letter: NFTA electric buses benefit economy, environment, lives

The Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) has been working closely with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) to develop a plan for the transition to electric buses. Given that we would like to share our vision with Robert's article - "NFTA takes steps toward converting to electric buses," McArdle is correct in that electric buses enhance public health, but questions and concerns about maintenance and costs still come to mind. However, the advantages of the electric buses are more than evident.

For instance, reducing pollution levels is critical for Buffalo. Our city is unique in its ability to audits its air traffic claims and climate change reports. In Buffalo, when children have asthma attacks due to elevated carbon levels or emergency room visits, parents are often taken from their work and their lives productivity in the local economy. A child’s absence from school impacts their educations and reduces their social inclusion in our local schools. Such health care costs are shared by us as a region due to these increased expenses.

According to studies by the Zero Emission Bus Association, fossil fuel has been nearly destroyed and severeel.

We applaud the NFTA purchase of its first electric buses, this is a huge step forward. The challenges we face in the electric buses are met with the same enthusiasm that were shared with me, our communities of color that also happen to be the most vulnerable NFTA riders.

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The advantages of the electric bus are even greater.

According to studies by USC, the National Institutes of Health and others, electric buses use energy and money and would not help families.

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The challenge now is for the electric buses to be routed through communities that abut the Kensington and Peace Bridge. The pollution is so bad that the Buffalo Public Schools decided to cancel classes P. A further step forward in this direction is to fix our existing transportation network and to link the highways, this will lead to eliminating the noise of cars.

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