

## Statement by Senator Brad Hoylman on Proposed Boycott of Times Square Businesses

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"I'm dismayed there would be a call by a government official for a boycott of businesses in Times Square, which is in my Senate district, over a billboard message for which these businesses bear no responsibility," said Senator Hoylman (D,WFP—Manhattan). "It's a bedrock principle of our democracy that citizens have the right to espouse their beliefs, and for others to express their disagreement. However, to attempt to penalize hardworking New Yorkers over this flap simply because they work in Times Square is as nonsensical as it is abhorrent."