



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Calling for Accountability over Unsafe Construction Conditions

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On Monday, February 24, I stood in solidarity with Build Up NYC and other labor advocates at a rally outside of 435 West 50th Street, to call for developer and contractor accountability over unsafe working conditions. Just three days prior, a construction worker was severely injured at the site which is owned by JDS Development Group and Starwood Capital Group. Previously, in my district at West 18th Street, another Starwood/JDS project had racked up 20 reported safety violations and more than \$18,000 in fines. Fines for safety violations cannot be accepted as the cost of doing business. These developers and contractors must maintain safe job sites and be held responsible for their violations of the law that threaten the lives of workers.