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Gentlemen:

We write regarding the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) garage proposed for what is currently the Brookdale Campus of Hunter College, between 25th and 26th Streets and First Avenue and the FDR Drive.

As you are well aware, we have raised a number of serious concerns about this proposal. Over the summer, we joined concerned constituents in giving testimony at the public scoping session for the environmental impact statement. At this public event, we cited objections to several aspects of the proposal, including but not limited to:

1. The absence of a comprehensive plan for the entire site, other than the proposed garage;
2. Potential traffic impacts on surrounding streets, especially introducing additional traffic on 25th Street adjacent to recreational areas at Asser Levy;
3. Public safety impacts by removing the "eyes on the street" benefit currently provided by Hunter College; and
4. Air quality impacts

Given that the timeline shared with us by DSNY does not anticipate the garage becoming operational until 2020 at earliest, we believe it is appropriate to table this proposal until a

comprehensive plan for the entire site, and more clarity regarding the many other issues that have been raised, are provided.

Recently, DSNY presented renderings for the garage to the Public Design Commission for preliminary review. While we have no issue with DSNY continuing work on the procedural requirements of the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, it is disappointing that in the meantime many of our questions remain unanswered, and that aside from the offer to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding that we believe would be obsolete by the time any work begins, little effort has been made in addressing our concerns.

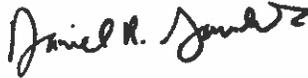
We appreciate your willingness to work with our offices on this proposal. The questions posed here are critical to its viability and we ask that you answer them as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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