



April 30, 2013

John B. Rhea
Chairman
New York City Housing Authority
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman Rhea:

We write regarding the changes to the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) Resident Parking Program beginning this month. Several NYCHA residents have contacted our offices concerning the abrupt fee increase of over 300% to renew their parking permit under the new system administered by Greystone Management Solutions. We are concerned that this sudden increase may cause financial challenges for our constituents and ask that NYCHA review this policy and consider alternative proposals.

NYCHA has implemented several changes to the new parking system, such as extending the deadline to renew parking permits from April 9th to May 15th, and breaking up the annual payment into quarterly payments for the first parking permit cycle. While these changes are helpful, we remain concerned that introducing this fee increase so suddenly may place an undue burden on our constituents. Although we acknowledge that these parking increases amount to \$0.74 – \$0.93 per day, or \$22.60 – \$28.30 monthly, depending on the type of plan that a resident has, this increase may not give our constituents – many of whom live on fixed incomes – the ability to plan ahead and adjust their finances, and carries the potential of pricing many NYCHA residents out of the parking system.

Attached you will find a letter dated November 10, 2011 regarding previous changes to NYCHA's parking permitting process. Echoing similar concerns regarding the permitting system, we urge you once again to consider more reasonable measures when implementing the new program. As a suggestion, we ask that you consider making the quarterly payment plan permanent. Finally, we ask that you engage tenants in the planning of this new parking program to receive feedback from those who will be affected by this new policy.

We look forward to working with you on this matter. Please feel free to contact any of us directly or Mauricio Pazmino in Senator Squadron's office at 212-298-5565 or Mauricio@danielsquadron.org.

Sincerely,



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