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Captain Paul Lanot
Commanding Officer
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NYC Police Department
230 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011

Luis Sanchez
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10037

Re: Illegal Truck Usage on West 25th Street

Dear Captain Lanot and Mr. Sanchez,

At its February 21st Transportation Planning Committee meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) heard from West 25th Street residents regarding illegal truck usage through the 200 block of West 25th Street. As a result, MCB4 would like to request that both the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and the NYPD increase their efforts to reduce illegal truck usage on West 25th Street. This recommendation was voted on at MCB4's March 7th Full Board meeting with 35 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

During the Transportation Committee meeting, residents of the 200 block of West 25th Street presented compelling evidence that non-local trucks (including semi-trailers) regularly use the block as a thru street. The danger of this illegal use of a side street is aggravated by the existence of a speed bump on the block. Truck axels hitting the bump have created a noise problem for residents in addition to the negative impact on the roadbed.

We understand from DOT that new signage is being installed in a visible position alerting drivers to the speed bump. However, this will not prohibit thru truck traffic. We would like the DOT to coordinate with the NYPD to ensure that once the new signage is installed, enhanced enforcement is undertaken. From the evidence provided by residents, enforcement will be necessary both day and night.

We request that both agencies keep us informed of their efforts over the next months.

Sincerely,



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