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Hon. Speaker Carl Heastie
New York State Assembly Member
1446 E. Gun Hill Rd
Bronx, NY 10469

Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Senate Majority Leader
28 Wells Avenue, Building 3, 5th Fl.
Yonkers, NY 10701

Re: Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (Senate Bill 1464/Assembly Bill 1749)

Dear Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie,

At its June 3rd Full Board meeting, Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) discussed the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (Senate Bill 1464/Assembly Bill 1749) then in front of the State Legislature. At the same meeting the Board learned, to its disappointment, that these bills are not likely to come to a vote in this year's legislative session.

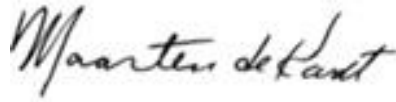
Nevertheless, because packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of New York State's waste, the Board voted to approve this letter by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, thereby impressing upon you the importance to the environment of this legislation and strongly moving us toward reducing packaging waste in our district.

We look forward to working with you to get legislation, like this one, passed and signed by the governor in the next legislative session.

Sincerely,



Leslie Boghosian Murphy
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 4



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