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Governor Eliot Spitzer
The Executive Chamber
Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Spitzer:

Congratulations on your recent victory. Community Board #4, located on the west side of Manhattan, looks forward to working with you in your new capacity as Governor.

We are writing today to thank you for taking the initiative to halt the enactment of the changes to the Rent Stabilization Code proposed by former Governor Pataki during his last month as governor. Our community, like most in New York City, relies heavily on rent regulations to sustain affordable housing. The changes proposed by Gov. Pataki, including increasing security deposits and passing along the cost of lead paint abatement, would have severely impacted on the availability, safety and affordability of housing in our community.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Sarah Desmond
Co-Chair
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