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Michael Scagnelli  
New York Police Department  
One Police Plaza  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: Enforcement of laws against illegal parking and idling**

Dear Mr. Scagnelli:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) requests that New York Police Department (NYPD) undertake an intense enforcement campaign on both sides of West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, between Eighth and Ninth Avenues against illegal parking and idling.

Commuter buses are regularly obstructing the MTA bus lanes on the Eighth to Ninth Avenue block both ways. NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has granted official bus stops to commuter bus companies on both sides of the street. These buses and a collection of jitney commuter vans use this area as their terminal. The buses are very old and idle for hours, spewing noxious exhaust fumes including possible carcinogens. Measurement of particulate levels proved to be three times higher than the tolerable threshold in the tests that have been performed.

CB4 has requested that DOT relocate the non-MTA bus stops at West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, between Eighth and Ninth Avenues. This will greatly improve the situation. Hopefully DOT will grant our request, but meanwhile we really need to see some action from the NYPD.

Sincerely,

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