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

Re: 615 10th Avenue – Commercial Parking regulation and Sidewalk use

Dear Mr. Sanchez,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) at this time does not support a changes to the curb regulations on the north side of 44th Street, for a length of 300ft west of 10th Avenue from “no standing” to “loading and unloading” by the owners of 615 10th Avenue.

The property owners have notified the board office of their intention to request this change and have had multiple opportunities to present in front of the Transportation Committee. During those months, CB4 members have heard from residents and parents concerned about the construction and operation of a multi floor commercial space with loading bays and a loading zone on the same curb of a school with a student population over 1,000 and over a dozen school buses. They fear, with just reason, that such a configuration will increase exponentially the chances that a crash will happen and a child will be hurt. It is well know that drivers of large trucks have difficulties seeing small children.

CB4 is very concerned for the safety of over 1,000 school children coming and leaving the various schools hosted in P. S. 51 on the north side of 44th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues. We have worked for years to safeguard the school children and now again we want to minimize the risks presented by this new tenant’s operation.

We ask you to maintain the current regulation of “no standing”.

Sincerely,

Delores Rubin
Chair
Community Board 4

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Co-Chair, Transportation
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