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Jeffrey Shear  
Acting Commissioner, New York City Department of Finance  
NYC Department of Finance  
Legal Affairs Division  
375 Pearl Street Room/Floor: 30th Floor  
New York, New York 10038

Dearing Acting Commissioner Shear:

I write to request that DOF suspend proposed rule-making for the below:

Proposed Rule:

The New York City Department of Finance (“DOF”) is proposing amendments to rules to allow stipulations under the Stipulated Fine Program and the Commercial Abatement Program for time periods preceding the date of the agreement and to clarify polices relating to late payments under such programs.

I ask DOF to suspend its rule making because neither my office, nor our community boards, were advised of these proposed changes which will no doubt increase double parking and slow down the buses our citizens need in are community – which already lacks sufficient mass transportation options. This proposed rule expands illegally double parking of large vehicles, creating obstacles to all vehicles, and will not help produce Free and Fast Buses that I support along with the administration.

I do request that DOF remove all discounts for alleged double parking infractions until such time the state, or the council approves such changes, as discounting fines for blocking traffic while double parking, for hours on end, causes many problems, not the least of which is to block access to Access-A-Ride Vehicles, preventing our citizens with vision and other impairments yet another obstacle to transportation they depend upon to see their doctors and get to work. The program represents a double-standard, where the largest offenders receive millions in discounts, while public housing needs, and funding for victims of domestic violence do not appear satisfied under NYS VTL 1809-a. The program is in contrast to what we as New Yorkers hold dear to their hearts: fairness and accountability.

I also request that DOF allow businesses who are eligible for live, in-person virtual video hearings, to be able to switch them to live, in-person hearings, and in the alternative, especially when there

is inclement weather – like we had this week. Failing to do so appears an unnecessary burden to the public and business community that DOF can and should easily relieve.

I am happy to work with DOF to facilitate the necessary hearings, and discussions. Please confirm that all rule-making concerning any discount program be held in abeyance.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter, and please let me know when we can meet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Dinowitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

Jeffrey Dinowitz  
Member of New York State Assembly

cc: Mike Schweinsburg, President, 504 DEMS  
cc: Ben Furnas, Executive Director, Transportation Alternatives  
cc: Mike Flynn, Commissioner, NYC DOT  
cc: Julie Sue, Deputy Mayor of NYC for Economic Justice  
cc: Hon. Zohran Mamdani, Mayor of the City of New York