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Dear Commissioner Flynn,

For nearly 50 years, SBIDC has been a trusted partner of local businesses, the city, and community residents in advancing a working waterfront for all in Southwest Brooklyn, covering the Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) in the neighborhoods of Sunset Park, Gowanus, and Red Hook. Our mission is to maintain the waterfront's historic and vital industrial base, helping local businesses take part in the modernized industrial economy.

In accordance with Local Law 171, the DOT has created a modernized network that accommodates the significant changes to goods movement and freight flows since truck routes were last designed in the 1970s. Since 2019, the number of goods moved through New York City has increased by nearly 40% as consumer habits have adjusted and online shopping has surged. SBIDC is writing today to express support for the redesign of Sunset Park's updated local truck routes. These include the addition of 2nd Avenue between 58th Street and 29th Street and 29th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

The Southwest Brooklyn IBZ has become a major hub of logistical operations and freight transfers in New York City, in part due to its central location, existing industrial infrastructure, and proximity to major distribution routes. Within the Southwest Brooklyn IBZ, 2nd Avenue is one of the largest geographies that contribute to "trip generations" not currently along a local truck route. Industrial businesses need clear guidance and rules to thrive, and formalizing this road section of the IBZ as a truck route will maintain Sunset Park as a central site of the local industrial economy, maintaining quality industrial jobs in the community. Facilitating the flow of goods is a key strategy for the city to maintain its industrial base and ensure its resiliency.

This road network redesign provides benefits to businesses and consumers, as well as residents of Southwest Brooklyn. By right sizing the Southwest Brooklyn IBZ's truck routes, businesses will more easily be able to keep trucks off local residential streets, reducing the safety risk for pedestrians and cyclists in Sunset Park.

In addition to supporting the redesign of Southwest Brooklyn IBZ's truck route network, SBIDC hopes to work with the DOT and local stakeholders on the following initiatives:

- Ensuring proper enforcement of truck routes in Southwest Brooklyn to ensure that nearby residential streets are not used as truck thoroughfares.
- Dedicating capital funding to streetscape improvements along new truck routes to emphasize street safety.

- Continuing to serve as a convener of local businesses and community stakeholders to evaluate a redesign of nearby Third Avenue, at the DOT's request.

To keep Southwest Brooklyn as a key site of distribution and goods movement, SBIDC encourages DOT to adopt the new truck route network redesign, while continuing to promote street safety and truck route enforcement.

Thank you,

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