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Raymond Kelly
Commissioner
New York City Police Department
One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10007

Re: Increased Enforcement at Temporary Long Distance Bus Stop on Ninth Avenue

Dear Commissioner Kelly:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests increased enforcement of traffic and other violations on the west side of Ninth Avenue between West 31st and West 33rd Streets.

As a result of recently installed signs permitting Long Distance Bus Stops on these blocks, there have been increased reports of double parking and blocked traffic lanes from overflow buses circling around the block waiting for parking spaces and double parking to pick up passengers. In addition, there have been reports from neighbors of awaiting passengers urinating in the area (no bathrooms are provided for waiting passengers). We thus request that the Police Department increase enforcement to alleviate these problems.

The very substantial number of queuing passengers in this area, despite the noted effort of the 34th Street Partnership sanitation crew, has resulted in substantial littering and garbage on the sidewalk. We request that both the NYC Police Department (for littering) and NYC Department of Sanitation (for garbage on sidewalk) increase enforcement.

Area residents also report that these buses sit and idle on the surrounding blocks while waiting to drop off or pick up passengers. We also request that the Police and Sanitation Departments enforce the city's no idling policy in these in the areas around these new Long Distance Bus stops.

We should note that, pending a meeting with MegaBus, one of the major users of this sidewalk stop, we anticipate making additional recommendations next month.

Sincerely yours,



John Weis
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



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Cc: Department of Sanitation