

November 12, 2002

Dominic Gentile
Commanding Officer
Tenth Precinct
230 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011

Re: Enforcement of signage regulations on West 16th Street (b. 7th/8th)

Dear Officer Gentile:

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We understand that enforcement units often cannot issue tickets to truck drivers who use this street as they could conceivably be making “local” deliveries to surrounding blocks. However, as West 16th Street (b. 7th/8th) is still problematic for residents, the Board is requesting greater enforcement on this block, as well as increased attention to enforcement of “no trucks” regulations throughout our District. The Board has submitted a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting a change in signage from “No Trucks Except Local Deliveries” to “No Trucks Except Local Deliveries This Block,” to allow for greater enforcement on 16th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues.

In order to better understand the extent of your enforcement of “no trucks” regulations, the Board respectfully requests that you share with us the records of how many tickets have been written for violations of “No Truck” regulations in our District during the past 12 months.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

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cc: Mayor Michael Bloomberg
Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields
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Fran Nelson
Supervisor
Manhattan Traffic Enforcement
138 West 30th Street
New York, NY 10001

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