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Borough Commissioner Margaret
Forgione Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Request “No Standing” zone on West 47th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 requests that a “Hotel Loading/Unloading” or “No Standing” zone be established in front of 302 West 47th Street to alleviate traffic conflicts on 47th Street and 8th Avenue.

The Econolodge Hotel, a 50- room hotel is located 50 feet west of 8th Avenue. When tour buses, airport shuttles and taxis bring tourists and luggage, there is not enough room for other vehicles to turn and pass them; as a result, traffic backs up on 8th Avenue and blocks the intersection.

We propose that “Hotel Loading/Unloading“ signs be installed to create a two parking spaces zone in front of the Econolodge Hotel . We understand that since “Hotel Loading/Unloading” signs are reserved for larger hotels, DOT may instead install “No Standing” zone. In either case, we feel that the need to avoid gridlock mandates a change in parking regulations.

We thank the Department of Transportation for considering this proposal. We expect this change to improve the safety of visitors and increase the traffic flows on 47th street and 8th Avenue.

Sincerely,

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