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Daniel Garodnick
Chair, City Planning Commission
120 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10271

Dear Chair Garodnick,

The New York City Department of Transportation is committed to providing for the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible movement of people and goods in the City of New York and to maintain and enhance the transportation infrastructure crucial to the economic vitality and quality of life of our primary customers, City residents.

We are writing to express our strong support for *City of Yes for Economic Opportunity*. This common-sense proposal would change zoning citywide to support new and growing small businesses by making it easier to operate and grow a business in New York City, while also addressing zoning barriers that are preventing growth of industries that want to invest in New York City.

DOT is particularly supportive of the proposal that would create a new Micro-Distribution Facility use, allowing these businesses to locate at a small scale in commercial areas, encouraging deliveries to shift to alternative modes of transportation and regulating the creation of local hubs for safe and sustainable deliveries to occur. The proposal to require additional design and locational requirements for new auto repair and service business on neighborhood commercial streets would provide additional safeguards to enhance pedestrian safety and reduce traffic impacts.

We look forward to working with our city agency partners on the successful implementation of this important and timely initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ydanis Rodriguez".

Ydanis Rodriguez
Commissioner