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Hon. Rick D. Chandler, P.E.  
 Commissioner  
 New York City Department of Buildings  
 280 Broadway  
 New York, NY 10007

Hon. Polly Trottenberg  
 Commissioner  
 New York City Department of Transportation  
 55 Water Street  
 New York, NY 10041

Dear Hon. Commissioner Chandler and Hon. Commissioner Trottenberg,

I am writing to you regarding an approved work permit application for the Upper East Side Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 211 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street. An application for a 21 foot curb cut has been approved without community input or consideration by the New York City Department of Buildings or Department of Transportation and I urge you to inspect the location, reexamine the application and deny approval.

Community members who reside at 201, 215 and 229 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street, surrounding the facility have serious safety and traffic concerns that would arise as a result of a curb cut to an entryway for the center. The application suggests that there is an existing driveway for which the curb cut will connect to the street, however there is no such existing driveway. The facility currently has a driveway on the East 80<sup>th</sup> Street side of the facility where staff members park their cars. With the addition of a curb cut, neighbors anticipate the potential for improper use of the proposed driveway as a parking lot and are wary of the increased incoming and outgoing traffic conditions which will be hazardous to pedestrians on East 79<sup>th</sup> Street.

In consideration of the current condition of the Upper East Side Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and the community, I urge you to thoroughly reexamine the request for a curb cut and deny the application. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. We look forward to hearing from you with the results of your inspection and review of the application.

Sincerely,

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