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The Honorable Mayor Bloomberg City Hall New York, NY, 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

We need your help to restore our and our children's health.

Our neighborhood experiences Manhattan's <u>second highest asthma hospitalization</u> rate for children under 15, after Harlem. The concentration of idling charter buses and commuter vans on our residential streets overwhelms us with diesel fumes.

- We are asking the City to build a <u>Charter Bus Garage</u> on the West Side to house the hundreds of charter buses that serve the theater district and the overall tourism industry in midtown.
- The city must also develop a program to <u>convert these private</u> <u>fleets to clean air technology.</u>

Such a garage is planned for Lower Manhattan - which we applaud-however no such facility is planned for Midtown where the need is arguably more pressing. Our repeated requests to The Port Authority to include such a garage in their plans have not been taken in account. As the number of sick and at-risk children is growing rapidly, we believe that you are the only one who can take decisive measures to resolve this issue.

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