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Mr. Edward Thompson
Police Chief of Enforcement
NYC Department of Sanitation
1824 Shore Pkwy.,
Brooklyn NY, 11214

Dear Chief Thompson,

I am writing to you on behalf of Sabbath observers in New York City to remind Sanitation Enforcement that Sabbath observant Jewish residents are prohibited from moving their receptacles to the curb on the Sabbath and need to set out their trash before sundown on Fridays. As this will conflict with Department of Sanitation *Trash Setout Times* for Saturday trash collections, I respectfully request that tickets not be issued on Friday evening for violations of *Trash Setout Times*.

The Jewish Sabbath begins 18 minutes before sunset on this coming Friday night. As we enter the Fall-Winter seasons the sun sets earlier, and the Jewish Sabbath starts earlier on Fridays than it has for the last several months. Sabbath observant residents with Saturday collection will need to put out their trash receptacles in advance of the Sabbath, which will be earlier than DSNY's Trash Setout Times of 6:00pm and 8:00pm. By allowing this small window of time for Sabbath observant residents with Saturday collection, we can ensure that we do not cause mounds of stagnant garbage to pile up throughout the neighborhood.

Therefore, due to religious observance, DSNY should refrain from issuing violations for putting out garbage receptacles earlier on Friday evening, as this is the only time that these residents would be able to put them out before a Saturday trash collection. Thank you for your attention this important matter. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at 718-253-2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simcha Felder".

Simcha Felder
New York State Senator, 22nd District

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