



THE LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ALBANY

Mayor Eric Adams  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Mayor Adams,

As elected officials representing New York City, we are writing to urge you to immediately sign Int. 0360-2024-A. It is a basic matter of fairness that a person should only pay for the services that they themselves contract for, and that landlords should not be able to push the fees for their own agents onto prospective tenants. Under this legislation, which passed with an overwhelming veto-proof majority, New York City could end its practice of shifting landlords' costs onto rent-burdened tenants.

During a press conference on November 13, 2024, Speaker Adrienne Adams indicated that she had reviewed this legislation with your office, and that you had offered no objections. She also mentioned that she was surprised by your comments the prior day, expressing some skepticism regarding the legislation. Given that you had not previously raised objections when given the opportunity, we hope that you do the right thing and sign Int. 0360-2024-A. The rest of the country, aside from New York City and Boston, abide by the same practices required by this law, where it's the person who hires a broker that pays the broker; it is long past time that New York joined the rest of the country.

We are well aware that real estate lobbyists — primarily from the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) — have been attempting to derail any attempts to change the status quo for how landlords' brokers' fees are shifted onto tenants. They have repeatedly relied on lobbyists and attorneys to prevent this overwhelmingly popular policy from being enacted here in New York. Earlier this year, they successfully lobbied the state of Massachusetts to abruptly change course, after the legislature took steps to prohibit this kind of cost-shifting within the state. We expect that similar real estate lobbyists are likewise pressuring you to veto Int. 0360-2024-A. However, instead of responding to these well-funded real estate lobbyists, we urge you to listen to the tenants around New York who have been calling on all of us for years to implement this common-sense policy. We ask that you sign Int. 0360-2024-A.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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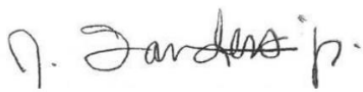
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