



March 9, 2015

Steven Neil  
Management Office  
Westbeth Corp. HDFC Inc.  
463 West St.  
New York, N.Y. 10014

Dear Mr. Neil,

As you know, we have long been supporters of Westbeth and the community that thrives there. We appreciate the upgrades that are currently underway, but have some concerns about the impact of current construction. Specifically, we have concerns about improperly placed scaffolding and sidewalk shed which is partially blocking the sidewalk. Violations have been issued by the Department of Buildings, but we would like to point out this obstruction is also a violation of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Fair Housing Act (FHA). Everyone, including those with disabilities, has the right to access the main entrance and sidewalks.

We also understand that you are in the process of adding a wheelchair ramp to the entrance of the building. While this is appreciated, the timeline, a reported 9 months, is unacceptable. Please understand that while it may be of little or no extra effort for some to gain access to your building, for a person with a disability, the lack of ramp adds time and frustration to each exit and entrance to the building.

We have also heard concerns over the quality of life impact of the construction itself. We trust that you will do all you can to ensure working and living conditions are respected, that air quality is monitored and appropriate mitigations are in place to protect tenants from the impacts of construction.

Thank you for giving your attention to these matters. We hope you and the building management will quickly remedy the scaffolding violations and ramp. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Deborah J. Glick  
Assembly Member



Jerry Nadler  
Congressmember



Brad Holyman  
State Senator



Gale Brewer  
Manhattan Borough President



Corey Johnson  
City Council Member