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Commissioner Kathryn Garcia
NYC Department of Sanitation
59 Maiden Lane, 5th Floor
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Re: Excessive Noise at 91st Street Waste Transfer Station Construction Site

Dear Commissioner Garcia:

On behalf of residents of the Upper East Side and Yorkville, the unacceptable noise from the construction site must stop immediately. The health and welfare of my constituents are in jeopardy. Remedial steps must be taken immediately to provide relief.

We receive daily complaints about the unacceptable noise particularly after midnight. Your community liaison asserted that the work must be done after midnight due to the traffic patterns on the FDR. It is NOT, however, acceptable to tell residents that they have to live with unacceptable noise and become sleep deprived. My constituents need to sleep at night so they can work, attend school and live their daily lives.

Specific noise complaints include the following, but not limited to, loud banging, pneumatic drilling and heavy-duty construction equipment at 2:00-3:00 am; non-stop jack-hammering from midnight until about 4:00 am; the use of two drills one located near the FDR and a second one very close to York Avenue which is "really, really loud" continues from midnight until 4:00 or 5:00 am.

Babies are being awakened from their sleep, individuals with illnesses or post-hospital recoveries are troubled by the incessant noise, and, more plainly, folks are unable to sleep through the nightly jack-hammering. The residents on York Avenue are complaining they are subjected to constant noise 24 hours a day and are fed up. We implore you to take remedial steps immediately to address this unacceptable health hazard.

Very truly yours,

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