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**Mark Levine, Borough President**

August 27, 2024

Jim Buckmaster  
Chief Executive Officer, Craigslist  
1381 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94122

Dear Mr. Buckmaster,

As New York City and State turn increasingly to automated cameras for enforcement of the rules of the road as well as collect tolls, the proliferation of fraudulent and fake license plates, as well tools that obscure or obstruct those cameras from taking complete pictures, has steadily increased. I write today to draw your attention to these types of products and express my concern that Craigslist allows retailers to promote and sell products that are designed to conceal or obscure license plates to buyers in New York City. These tools and fake plates allow drivers to speed, run red lights, and evade tolls without any accountability, putting New Yorkers at risk on New York City streets. I ask that you take steps to remove the advertisement or sale of these products from your website to New York City.

Defaced, obstructed, and fraudulent license plates are increasingly being used among New York City drivers. We estimate that over 5% of vehicles currently passing through toll and traffic cameras have unreadable or fraudulent license plates. Over 100,000 vehicles triggering red light and speed cameras each month in New York City have unreadable license plates, meaning that hundreds of thousands of unsafe and reckless drivers are not facing any consequences.

Although it is a crime for drivers to obscure license plates, the devices used to do this have proliferated. From opaque covers that make license plates unreadable by camera, to remote controlled "flippers" and curtains that conceal plates, and more, these items are easy to find and buy with just a few clicks, allowing scofflaws to immediately start using them so that they can evade tolls and traffic violation tickets. Additionally, paper temporary tags from other states and "dead plates," metal license plates that are no longer tied to a valid vehicle registration, are all too easy to purchase on Craigslist. There is no valid reason for somebody to purchase these items. Attached are some examples of the dozens of these types of products listed on your website.

You may be aware that New York recently passed legislation in the FY2025 budget that will ban the sale of these products statewide effective September 1, 2024. I urge you to take action now to prepare for the implementation of this law.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and for your partnership in helping to keep these fraudulent products off the street. I look forward to working with you on this issue moving forward.

Sincerely,

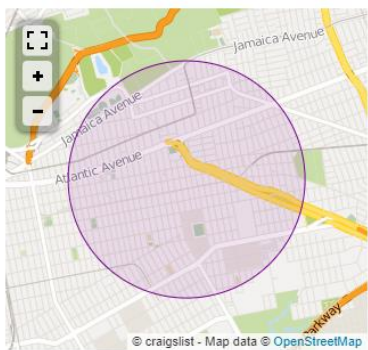
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Levine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and the last name "Levine" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Levine  
Manhattan Borough President

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Temporary plates 30 Days - \$150 (Brooklyn)



30 day temporary plates any car if Interested contact [show contact info](#)

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ALL Paper plates/tags will get you Arrested! - \$100 (Temp tag)

**Real Plates Better than Temp Tags**

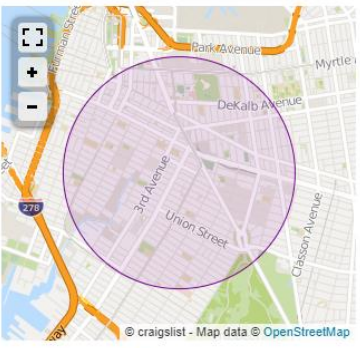
Single \$100 Pairs \$150

**PROS**

- NO CONTINUOUS RENEWAL
- UNLIKE PAPER TEMPORARY PLATES THEY WON'T GET YOUR CAR TOWED AND YOU ARRESTED.
- AREN'T REGISTERED TO YOU OR ANYONE ELSE.
- MULTIPLE STATES TO CHOOSE FROM ALL THE SAME PRICE.
- ALL YOU NEED IS CASH TO PURCHASE.

**CONS**-ARE NOT REGISTERED OR INSURED. ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE USED ON VEHICLES. IF PULLED OVER WILL GET YOU A TICKET FOR IMPROPER PLATES.

**VINCENT (347)674-4531**



condition: good



\*View all images!\*

-All plates are out of state and no longer registered.

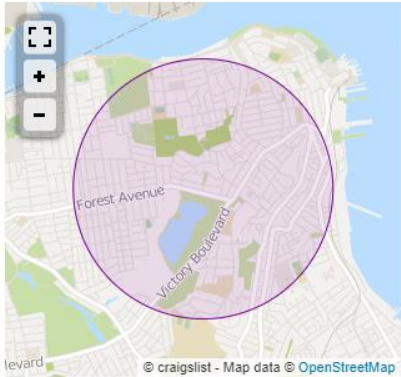
Don't get caught slipping with printed tags you can lose your car even if it's just parked!

Not temps or temporary  
Only metal\*

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### License Plates - \$200



condition: new  
more ads by this user



REGULAR LICENSE PLATES \$200 \$250 COMMERCIAL PLATES \$400 MOTOR CYCLE PLATES \$300 DEALER PLATES \$800-\$1200  
COSTUMER SERVICE 407.201.4243 CALL NO TEXT ORDER ON LINE EZPLATES12345.com WE DELIVER TRI STATE AREA

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### License plate hider with remote - \$120 (Queens Village)



205-20 Hillside Ave  
condition: new  
delivery available



License plate cover that can hide your license pate on demand for offroad use

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● ANTI PHOTO RED LIGHT SPEED CAMERA BLOCKER PLATE COVER WITH LENS ● - \$25



condition: new



● ANTI PHOTO RED LIGHT SPEED CAMERA BLOCKER PLATE COVER WITH LENS ●

● AVAILABLE IN CLEAR OR LIGHT GRAY ●

◆ TO PURCHASE, CLICK ON LINK BELOW OR COPY/ PASTE TO YOUR BROWSER ◆

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