



September 13, 2026

Hon. Zohran Mamdani
Mayor
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Mike Flynn
Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, NY 10041

Dear Mayor Zohran Mamdani and the New York City Department of Transportation,

We, the original sponsors of Sammy's Law, along with the undersigned elected officials from across New York City, are asking you to finally implement Sammy's Law across our respective districts.

In 2014, Sammy Cohen Eckstein was killed by a reckless driver just outside of his home. He was 12 years old. Over the next decade, his mother, Amy Cohen, alongside dozens of other members of Families for Safe Streets, fought for Sammy's Law in his name, legislation to finally bring slower, safer speed limits to New York City.

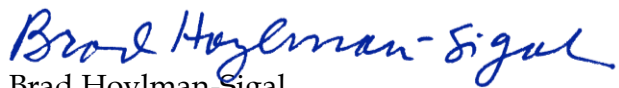
Prior to Sammy's Law, the City of New York had no control over the speed limits on local roads. If city officials thought a street was dangerous, they needed to travel to Albany and ask legislators — some from districts hundreds of miles away from New York — for permission to change the speed limit. Sammy's law finally gave the City control.

But in the time since it became law, the New York City Department of Transportation has mostly ignored its newfound powers in Sammy's Law. According to Transportation Alternative's calculations, the life-saving 20 mph speed limits permitted by Sammy's Law have been applied on less than 2% of eligible streets since the law's passage.

Speed mitigation works. Within a year of lowering the citywide speed limit to 25 mph and implementing speed cameras to enforce it, traffic fatalities [declined 22%](#) and pedestrian fatalities declined by 25%. As a longstanding champion of Sammy's Law and street safety, we're counting on you to implement this lifesaving change across New York City.

Mayor Mamdani, please implement Sammy's Law on all the eligible streets in our respective districts. Under Mayor Eric Adams, 980 New Yorkers were killed, and another 12,055 were seriously injured in traffic crashes. You can ensure the city changes under your leadership so that more New Yorkers make it home safely today, tomorrow, and for generations to come by finally implementing 20 mph speed zones across the five boroughs. We can't afford to wait.

Sincerely,



Brad Hoylman-Sigal
Manhattan Borough President



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Assemblymember – District 67



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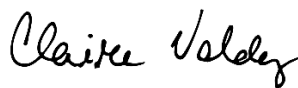
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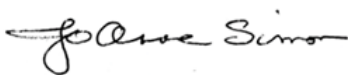
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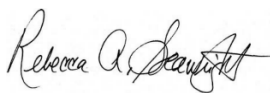
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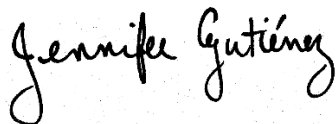
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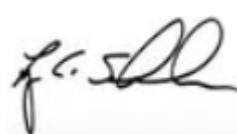
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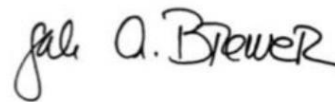
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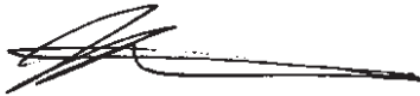
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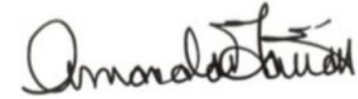
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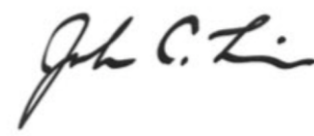
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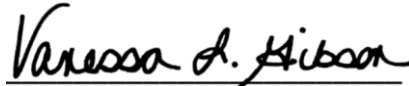
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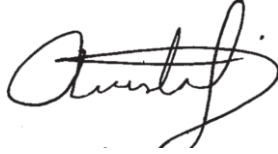
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