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Mayor Bill de Blasio  
New York City Mayor's Office  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

I write regarding the recent traffic issues on West 96<sup>th</sup> and West 97<sup>th</sup> Streets in my Assembly district. As you are certainly aware, these streets between Riverside Drive and Central Park West have been the site of a recent spate of deaths. While the Department of Transportation is in the process of implementing a series of reforms, it remains to be seen whether or not the problem will be effectively rectified and what the ancillary impact will be.

It is in this context that Jewish Home Lifecare is proceeding with a plan to construct a large, new nursing home on West 97<sup>th</sup> Street. This project threatens to significantly alter the traffic patterns on West 97<sup>th</sup> Street, both during construction and after it has been completed. Given these recent tragedies and the fact that this street has already proven to be deadly, I ask that you establish a moratorium on any construction projects in the area until my constituents can be assured of their safety.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Daniel O'Donnell  
Assembly Member