

July 11, 2023

The Honorable Mayor Eric Adams  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

**Subject:** Citizens Air Complaint Program

Dear Mr. Mayor,

On behalf of the undersigned businesses, I write regarding the Citizens Air Complaint Program. We have reached a breaking point as the program has completely mushroomed out of control from its original intention. We feel our collective voice regarding concerns with the program has not been heard and the contributions of the trucking industry are being ignored. Nearly 200 businesses that employ tens of thousands of New Yorkers have signed onto this letter to express the significant negative impact this program is having on New York businesses. We are fleets and companies of various sizes, from owner-operators to small and medium-sized family-owned businesses to national haulers. While many of us are suppliers who need trucks in the course of our work, we do not consider ourselves traditional “trucking companies.” We move essential goods throughout the city and were, in fact, heralded as heroes during the pandemic when truck drivers risked their health and safety to ensure New York City received necessary goods during one of its darkest moments. Many of us employ union labor (40%), represent MWBE ownership (20%), and are intrinsic to the economic vitality of the city – delivering 90% of the goods that move through the city.

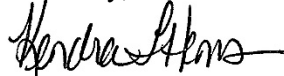
We have come together to express our shared concern with the Citizens Air Complaint Program which is deeply flawed and causing undue hardship to our businesses. To be clear, we share the NYC Department of Environmental Protection’s (NYCDEP) goal to provide a cleaner, more sustainable future and environment for the city’s residents. However, we do not accept that this must be at the expense of hard-working individuals and small businesses in the trucking industry.

The Citizens Air Complaint Program in its current form makes us victims of a relentless for-profit industry and strips us of our right to due process. Some of our issues with the program include inconsistent and untimely summons, lack of notification to the accurate driver or registered owner, the absence of information and evidence provided on a summons, the inability to transfer liability for leasing companies or independent contractors, and the willful manipulation of the system to allow for the submission of frivolous complaints. We also question whether the goal of this program, which is to prevent the illegal idling of commercial vehicles, is actually being achieved. A memo which was previously provided to the NYCDEP is included as an addendum to this letter to further detail our concerns and suggested solutions.

We are not just talking the talk; we are walking the walk. We are working to build a comprehensive anti-idling training and education program for NYC operators. Many of us have invested in technology to warn drivers of idling time limits and we continue to invest in cleaner, more efficient vehicles. Together, we hope to better address the goals of the Citizens Air Complaint Program while ensuring protections for the trucking industry are suitable and respected.

We look forward to working collaboratively with your administration on these important issues and would like to schedule a meeting soon to discuss these matters in more detail.

Sincerely,



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Undersigned Businesses:

- 1936 Trucking Inc
- 345 Trucking Corp
- A + Towel & Linen Supply
- A R P Airport Service
- A-1 HYDRO
- Abbot & Abbot Box Corporation
- ABCO Peerless Sprinkler Corporation
- AC Electric
- ACA Quality Building Products LLC
- Ace Linen Service
- Ace Wire & Cable co.inc.
- Airweld Inc
- Aiston Fine Art Services
- AMC Transfer, Inc
- Amendola Industries, Inc.
- American Fire Restoration, LLC
- Apartment House Supply Co.,Inc.
- Approved Storage & Waste Hauling
- Aramark Uniform Services
- Arrow Linen Supply Co., Inc.
- Association of Contracting Plumbers
- AUTOTAP Corporation
- Baldor Express co llc
- Bee Bee's Trucking LLC
- Best Metropolitan Towel and Linen Supply Co. Inc.
- BestGuy Moving

- Big Geysler, Inc
- Blue Star Meat
- Borwegen Trucking, Inc.
- Building Trades Employers Association (BTEA)
- Burton Plumbing Supply
- C Francis Construction Corp
- Campbell's Express
- Canaan Xpress
- Cater Lady NYC LLC
- CC Vending Inc
- Celtic Floors Inc
- Central BBQ LLC
- Champion Metal Glass, Inc
- City Lumber Inc
- Corporate Express, Inc
- CRS Corporate Relocation Systems, Inc.
- D & M Lumber Products Co Inc
- D and A of New Jersey
- Dana Contracting Inc
- DeSantis Despatch Corp
- Diamond Rock Food Imports
- DICarlo Distributors Inc
- Dora's Naturals
- Eldorado Coffee Roasters
- ESF Transport
- F&F Supply, Inc.
- Fantastic gardens of LI
- Farber Plastics, Inc.
- Farmingdale Meat Market
- FedEx Corporation
- Feldman Lumber
- Felix Storch, Inc
- Flaums Appetizing
- Fluid Truck
- Frenco Building Products
- G&G Electric Supply
- Gallant and Wein
- GC Warehouse LLC
- George Hildebrandt, Inc
- German Trucking Inc.
- Goldhorse Trucking Inc
- Greenpoint Fish
- Grocery Haulers, Inc.
- Guarantee record management
- Gumersell Cashdan, Inc.
- H Fresh Logistics

- Harbor Freight Transport
- Hawk Freight Services Inc.
- Henry Quentzel Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.
- Highway Safety Protection Corp
- HNS Enterprise, Inc
- Hub Truck Renal Corp.
- IMTREX INC.
- Industry Tire Distributors
- Innovative Recycling Technologies, Inc.
- Instantwhip New York Distributors
- Inter County Bakers, Inc.
- Interior Demolition Contractors Association
- Iron Horse Transport Inc.
- JC Duggan Inc.
- JLSHM Corp
- Johnny on the Spot
- Johnstone Supply
- Karp Associates, Inc.
- KungFu Produce
- Liberty Contracting Corp.
- LIF Industries
- Liffeyvan Lines
- Lightning Express Delivery Service
- Long Island Carpet Cleaners, Inc.
- Long Island Contractors Association (LICA)
- Maquette Fine Arts Services
- Marvel Produce LLC
- Maspeth Warehousing, Inc.
- Mattituck Laundry
- Maybury Trucking Co; LLC
- McKinney Welding Supply
- Mercury Paint Corporation
- Mercy Hill Farm LLC
- Metropolitan Lumber
- Mi Barrio Tortilleria Corporation
- MJ Designer Services
- Moishes Moving Systems
- Montana Datacom
- MTV food Corp DBA Austin Meat and Seafood Company
- Munoz Trucking Corp.
- Nassau Provisions
- Ndura
- Neptune Farm Products
- New Castle Building Products
- New York Boom Trucks, Inc.
- New York Metropolitan Trucking Association

- NJ Warehouse & Movers Association
- Northeast Equipment Dealers Assoc., Inc
- On Track Freight Systems
- Optima Foods Inc
- PACOA
- Park Ave Building Supply
- Park Trucking Inc.
- Petro Home Services
- Phase 1 Removals Inc.
- Please B Seated INC
- Price Paper & Twine
- Pride Chemical Solutions of NJ, Inc.
- Quaker Sugar Co., Inc.
- Quick Drop Industries LLC
- Red Hook Crating LLC
- Redwood Contracting Corp.
- Rethink food
- Rockway Fuel Oil Corp.
- S & J Sheet Metal Supply
- S+S Warehouse and Delivery
- Sahadi Fine Foods
- Saltarelli Industries
- SATCO
- Sauce Pizzeria
- Save a Watt Conversation Corp
- Shamrock Materials LLC
- Shea trucking
- Sher-Del Transfer & Relocation Services Inc.
- Sherland & Farrington Inc.
- Siegel Bros Supply Co
- SMACNA of Long Island
- SOS Transport Group
- South Bay Industries, Inc.
- Sparta Foods Distributors Inc
- Starr Tent & Event Group LLC
- STD Trucking Corp
- Steeldeck NY Inc
- Sterling Sanitary Supply Corp.
- Sun Logistics
- Sunrise Office Services, Inc.
- Super Stud Building Products
- Swede Farms Inc.
- Sysco Long Island, LLC
- The Sam Tell Companies
- Thomas Ice Company
- TJ Marquart & Sons, Inc

- Top Notch Repair
- Triboro Trucking Corp.
- Triborough Scaffolding & Hoisting Inc
- Tri-Power Electrical LLC
- Truck Renting and Leasing Association
- Twi-Laq Industries, Inc.
- United City Ice Cube Co Inc
- United Maintenance Supplies
- United Metro Energy Corp.
- UPS
- Valentine Packaging Corp
- Wall Street Mail Pick-Up Service, Inc.
- WALTER
- Ward Commodity Relocation Solutions
- Wegmans Food Markets
- Worldwide Logistics OF NJ