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Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Speaker of the New York City Council  
105 East 116th Street  
New York, NY 10029

**Re: Intro 216 Bill to Amend Local Law**

Dear Madam Speaker Mark-Viverito:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (CB4) would like to thank the New York City Council for passing Intro 216 bill, which will increase the city's use of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS). Intro 216 amends a previous City Council bill that established the City's APS program, and requires the city to increase the number of APS from 25 to 75 intersections. Specifically APS is needed at intersections with unusual traffic patterns as is created by the installation of leading pedestrian Intervals, and bike lanes.

The city has recently redesigned hundreds of streets across the city making them safer for pedestrians; however, these changes have put the visually impaired at risk. Intro 216 is an important step towards correcting this issue and improving the safety of New York City's visually impaired.

CB4 thanks the City Council for its support of this legislation and strongly urges it to continue to expand this program.

Sincerely,

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