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Thomas F. Prendergast
President
MTA New York City Transit
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear President Prendergast:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of East 93rd Street in my district regarding an ongoing rat abatement problem on East 93rd Street between First and Second Avenues in the area surrounding Second Avenue Subway construction.

On an April 15th walk-through of Second Avenue between 92nd and 95th Streets, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) observed bait stations that were not properly affixed and maintained and recommended that the MTA attach their bait stations more securely and space them at least 18 feet apart. In addition, DOHMH suggested that the MTA have its exterminator include bio-marked bait in the bait stations along with regular bait blocks.

The ongoing construction and the related vacating of buildings have clearly contributed to rodent problems in the area. In writing to you today, I seek confirmation that all actions recommended by DOHMH have been implemented, and your assurance that the MTA will continue to monitor this health hazard.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Micah Z. Kellner
Assembly Member

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cc: Emiko Otsubo, NYC DOHMH Bureau of Intergovernmental Affairs
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