August 26, 2018

Your Honor:

We Bronx elected officials write to you with severe concern over the City of New York’s suspension of Sanitation Salvage’s hauling license. Sanitation Salvage has been an exemplary example of a good corporate citizen. Each of our offices have worked directly with Sanitation Salvage in different capacities and have had very positive experiences. Sanitation Salvage has contributed to so many local non-profits such as Little Leagues, Civic Groups, Boys & Girls Clubs, after-school programs, and so many more.

While safety is concern for each of us, the City of New York’s choosing to suspend the license of Sanitation Salvage before a hearing, appeal, or adequate contingency plan is troubling. It also raises suspicion this announcement was made on a Friday afternoon to hinder the ability for an appeal, relief from a Court, or more than 24 hours of notice to our offices.

However, most troubling is the lack of planning by the City of New York for the thousands of customers in our districts who rely on Sanitation Salvage to provide affordable and timely collection of trash. For decades businesses both large and small depend on Sanitation Salvage to pick up trash on a regular and consistent basis.

In the 2 days since Sanitation Salvage was suspended it has been brought to our attention by numerous businesses in our communities their trash has not been collected. This has led to complaints from customers and an increase in the number or rodents around these businesses.

We therefore respectfully request you grant a Temporary Restraining Order and reinstate Sanitation Salvage’s license so a proper hearing may take place and so the City and Court can hear from stakeholders effected by this hastily made decision.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please contact our offices with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nathalia Fernandez  
Member of Assembly

Michael Benedetto  
Member of Assembly

Jeffrey Klein  
State Senator

Mark Gjonaj  
Councilman