



December 14, 2015

Shola Olatoye  
CEO and Chair  
New York City Housing Authority  
250 Broadway, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Olatoye:

As elected officials representing Manhattan, we write to express our concerns about the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)'s plan to link parking charges to market rates and charge some NYCHA residents up to \$150 per month for a parking space by 2017.

We understand that difficult choices will be necessary to close NYCHA's budget deficit and address the Authority's significant capital needs. In light of this, we commend NYCHA for taking necessary and forward-looking steps to safeguard the future of public housing in New York.

We are concerned, however, about the impact that such increases in parking rates will have on NYCHA's most vulnerable residents - namely, elderly, disabled, or very low-income tenants. For some New Yorkers, cars are not a luxury. Disabled and aging residents may not have access to the mere 25% of New York City subway stations that meet standards of accessibility set by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Other low-income residents rely on cars to reach jobs in "transit deserts," which are difficult or impossible to reach via mass transit. Many of these residents would not be able to pay the proposed fee increases.

We understand that NYCHA is considering amending its proposed parking rate increases for seniors and disabled residents. In that vein, we ask that NYCHA explore a formula for a sliding scale parking fee that takes into account household income, disability status, age, and employment location(s). We also request a meeting with our offices to discuss these concerns and how we can work together moving forward on this issue.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Senator Hoylman or Sejal Singh in his office at 212-633-8052 or [sejal@bradhoylman.com](mailto:sejal@bradhoylman.com).

Sincerely,



Brad Hoylman  
State Senator



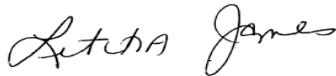
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