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July 23, 2013

Hon. Linda Rosenthal
Member of the Assembly
District Office
230 West 72nd Street, Suite 2F
New York, NY 10023

Dear Assembly Member Rosenthal:

At its Full Board meeting on July 18, 2013, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) adopted the following resolution:

Support For Assembly Bill (A6863) To Require The Monitoring And Mitigation Of Radon In Gas Supplied To All NYC Customers

Whereas, Radon is recognized to be the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers, and the second leading cause after smoking; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization and the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection have established levels of Radon exposure that are hazardous; and

Whereas, the main source of potential exposure to Radon in New York City is the domestic gas supply; and

Whereas, Radon is contained in shale gas, and potentially occurs in greater levels in gas from Marcellus Shale wells; and

Whereas, new pipelines are being constructed to bring more shale gas, especially from Marcellus Shale wells, into the domestic gas supply of New York City; and

Whereas, lengthier transmission times allow for a greater breakdown and diminution of the Pico-Curies of Radon in the gas, but transmission times from the Marcellus Shale wells are measured in hours rather than days as is the case with gas from sources in the South; and

Whereas, gas distributors are unwilling or unable to predict the level of Radon that will be delivered to New York City residents as the percentage of gas from Marcellus Shale wells increases in the domestic gas supply; and

Whereas, Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal has recognized the need to monitor and mitigate against Radon coming into the homes of New York City residents and has introduced legislation in the State Assembly (A6863), with same-as legislation introduced in the State Senate by Senator Diane Savino; and

Whereas the proposed legislation would require monitoring of the domestic gas supply for Radon and mandate mitigation to prevent New York City residents from being exposed to Radon through the domestic gas supply; now

Therefore be it resolved that CB#2, Man. supports the Assembly Member's legislation and requests its passage out of the Assembly Health Committee and urges all Assembly Members and State Senators to vote in favor of the legislation; and

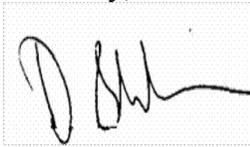
Be it further resolved that CB#2, Man. urges passage of similar legislation, or a resolution supporting the A6863, by the New York City Council; and

Be it further resolved that CB#2, Man. urges all Community Boards throughout the City to support the legislation for the protection of all New Yorkers from the dangers of Radon in the domestic gas supply.

Vote: Unanimous, with 33 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



David Gruber
Chair
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Robert Ely, Chair
Environment, Public Safety & Health
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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