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BY HAND

Speaker Christine Quinn,
City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Attn: Chief of Staff Charles Meara

Re: Proposed Int. No. 4-A: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to the installation of sprinkler systems in student housing. By Council Members Avella et al.

Dear Honorable Speaker:

I am writing on behalf of The New School to express our concern and surprise about hearings that have been scheduled for tomorrow, June 20, 2007, regarding the above matter. The University has not received any formal notice or invitation about these hearings and is unable to be in attendance on such short notice.

For some time, The New School has been working with the New York City Buildings Department and other colleges on the issue of sprinklers in housing used by students. It is a complex matter that requires a careful approach prior to any action. I would urge that you allow the work by local educational institutions with the Buildings Department to progress before any legislation is adopted.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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