

**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
May 29, 2013**

Good afternoon Chairman Vacca and members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Kate Slevin and I am the Assistant Commissioner of Intergovernmental Affairs for the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT). I am joined by Bruce Schaller, DOT's Deputy Commissioner for Traffic and Planning. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Intro 1042, which seeks to prevent muni-meters from accepting payment when deactivated or unable to print receipts.

Our muni-meter system is comprised of 13,000 meters for more than 85,000 on-street spaces throughout the five boroughs. Since completing the conversion of all single space meters to muni-meters in February, DOT continues to find ways to innovate our parking program. For example, we recently introduced a pilot in the Bronx allowing drivers to pay for parking by phone, along with a map that illustrates available free parking spaces. We also worked with Speaker Quinn and Council Member Garodnick to make parking regulations easier to understand by redesigning signage with simpler language that improves readability. Our ParkSmart program and the availability of NYC Parking Cards are also part of the agency's efforts to make it easier for New Yorkers to park.

Intro 1042 would further these efforts by requiring meters be unable to accept payment while parking rules are not in effect, except up to one hour before regulations start. This bill would also mandate that all meters be programmed not to accept payment while the meter is missing receipt paper. Not all of our meters currently have this capability, but we expect to have our system full upgraded within the next two years.

In summary, DOT is happy to support Intro 1042 as another way to make it easier to park in NYC. Thank you for your interest in simplifying parking for New Yorkers. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

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