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Mayor Bill de Blasio
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

I write to express my support for Evan Zebooker's proposal to repurpose the 91st St Marine Transfer Station to a ferry terminal for NYC Ferry. As you know, I have long opposed the construction of the MTS due to the environmental impacts it will have on the surrounding residential and youth recreation area. As the construction of the MTS nears completion, we have been notified by the Department of Sanitation that reductions in residential refuse have substantially lowered the amount of waste that the MTS will handle when it opens in 2019. With the facility *already* planned to operate at a fraction of its capacity, and the City on its way to zero residential waste by 2030, it seems reasonable to question the long-term viability of this large capital investment.

I have met with Evan Zebooker and find his case for repurposing the facility as a ferry hub very compelling. NYC Ferry has been successful in its first year, and I commend your vision on the initiative. It has provided a valuable new public transit option to our city, and helped reintroduce New Yorkers to our beautiful waterfront and waterways. However, its enormous success has created a capacity problem that the MTS facility could help address, while giving the system room to expand further and serve more of the city. A ferry hub at the MTS facility would allow for new ferry lines to numerous transit-starved neighborhoods in the Bronx and Queens as well as tourist attractions like Yankees Stadium, Citi Field, and City Island, and Laguardia Airport. The 91st St and coming 92nd St FDR overpasses to the facility would also make access to the ferry system far easier -- especially for people with mobility impairments -- than the planned 90th St dock. Moving ferry operations to the MTS could also free space at the 90th St dock for a FDNY and NYPD emergency response marine base to cover the upper East River and Harlem River.

For the reasons discussed above I believe that Mr Zebooker's proposal is worthy of study. Especially if your own reasonable projections of continued reductions in residential waste and increased demand for ferry service play out, repurposing the MTS would appear to offer

significant benefits to our city in terms of economic development, transportation equity, and resiliency. I urge you to give the proposal its due consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Krueger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Krueger
State Senator