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Ms. Madelyn Wils,  
President and CEO,  
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Dear Ms. Wyls

As one of the City's leading voices for street safety, particularly in Hell's Kitchen and Chelsea, we are writing to call your attention to a number of dangerous intersections where cars enter Hudson River Park. We are greatly concerned about the safety of our pedestrians and bicyclists; fearing it is only a matter of time before more injuries and fatalities occur on the very land, which should be among the greenest and safest places for New Yorkers and tourists to enjoy.

The following intersections have been referred to as "near death experiences" for both pedestrians and cyclists enjoying journeys along the greenway:

- 43<sup>rd</sup> Street at the Circle line
- 40<sup>th</sup> Street at the Waterway Ferry entrance
- 38<sup>th</sup> Street at Pier 76
- 30<sup>th</sup> Street
- 29<sup>th</sup> Street
- 15<sup>th</sup> Street

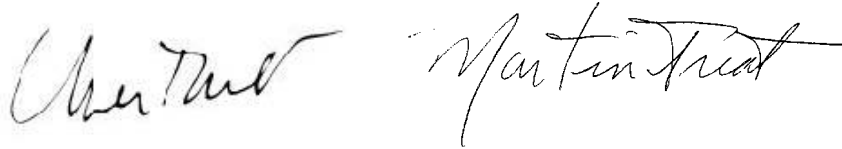
While pedestrians and cyclists have a green light, indicating it is safe for them to proceed, cars traveling at West Side Highway speeds make quick right turns into the park, often without any regard for those on foot or wheels, rightfully crossing the park's intersections.

We ask that HRPT act on this dangerous situation immediately, before another senseless injury or fatality occurs. There are already too many ghost bikes lining the greenway path to honor the fallen cyclists. Our recommendation is to change the traffic signals so they prevent motor vehicles from making right turns into the park when greenway users have a green light.

CHEKPEDS is a coalition of over 1,500 businesses, individuals, and institutions dedicated to pedestrian safety in Chelsea, Clinton and Hell's Kitchen, on the West side of Manhattan and the sponsor of the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Renaissance project. [excom@chekpeds.com](mailto:excom@chekpeds.com)  
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Please feel free to be in touch with any questions. We look forward to partnering with you, in whatever way we can, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our most vulnerable street and park users.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of C. Berthet and M. Treat in black ink.

C. Berthet, co-founder, M. Treat, co founder,

CC: City Council Member Corey Johnson  
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State Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal  
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