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Dear Officers:

I've appeared before you in the past to explain the bus congestion on West 44<sup>th</sup> Street, a residential block.

We have worked closely with CHEK-PEDS to remove this congestion from our street. I left you information in June to show you the amount of buses that clog our streets on most days, but especially Matinee days, Wednesday and Saturday.

Meeting with bus dispatchers of the different bus lines, we explained that by driving the buses on 44<sup>th</sup> Street and making a right hand turn on Ninth Avenue is illegal. For the next several months we noted a marked relief from this unnecessary traffic.

Since Labor Day there has been what I call "slippage" the bus companies listed below are now using 44<sup>th</sup> Street is returning to their old ways; not to the volume we found in March, but it is getting higher.

Academy Bus Lines  
Trans Bridge Bus Lines  
Beiber Bus Lines  
Community Bus Lines (Jitneys)  
Coach Bus Lines  
MARTZ Bus Lines (they have never complied)

I'm asking you to station a Police Officer mid block on 44<sup>th</sup> Street from 4 to 6 PM on Wednesdays or Saturdays, issue tickets to the offending bus lines (Wednesday has both Matinee and more importantly, commuter) mentioned above. Hey, the City always needs the money.

A gentle suggestion doesn't always make a permanent improvement. However, if the bus companies find themselves pay for tickets will take notice and change their bus routes. Having to pay fines will definitely get their attention.

Thank You,

Linda Ashley, VP of The West 44<sup>th</sup> Street Better Block Association