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Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I am concerned about the allegations of impropriety that have been made regarding the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) over past few months.

These allegations, combined with a call for a City Council investigation into the matter, have shed light on the need for major improvements and reform at NYCHA. My office has had a good working relationship with NYCHA, and I feel that our offices can work to find solutions for the future of this important agency, instead of trying to place blame.

As you reevaluate the organizational structure of NYCHA, I request that the borough president of each county be permitted to appoint a volunteer member to NYCHA's board of directors. As you know, the offices of the borough presidents have a special insight to the pulse of our public housing developments, and are actively engaged in the issues that face these developments on a daily basis. Thanks to the work of our constituent services staff and our capital allocations, we have collectively been able to serve as a frontline option for NYCHA residents in resolving critical deficiencies.

Please allow us to bring this knowledge and expertise to assist you in maintaining NYCHA as the nation's premier housing authority. I look forward to hearing from you on this critical matter.

Sincerely,



Ruben Diaz Jr.