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Mr. Gregg Bishop
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Dear Ms. Lago and Messrs Bishop & Patchett:

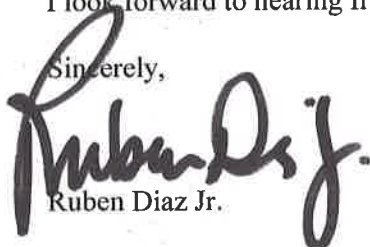
During the past decade, The Bronx has seen a proliferation of the construction of self-storage facilities. Currently, our borough is home to 53 such facilities, with six more in the pre-construction phase. Though we are told that these facilities are wildly popular with Bronx residents and commercial businesses, many borough residents complain to my office that such facilities are a waste of valuable land and offer no real benefit to our communities.

Smart planning for the future of The Bronx requires us to rely on real data, rather than anecdotal evidence, to make the best decision for the future of our borough. To that end, I am requesting that your agencies provide my office with any available breakdown of the usage of self-storage units in The Bronx based on zip code or a similar metric to measure user location. Such information would be used by my office to determine the true level of enthusiasm Bronxites have for such facilities.

Please contact James Rausse, my Director of Planning & Development, at (718) 590-3514 or jrausse@bronxbrp.nyc.gov to provide my office with available information.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,


Ruben Diaz Jr.