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As we approach the end of the year, our city faces a crucial decision regarding the proposed budget cuts that threaten to significantly impact the lives of millions of New Yorkers. I am writing to you not just as a concerned citizen and a candidate for the New York State Assembly representing Harlem, but as someone deeply invested in the well-being and future of our city.

The proposed budget cuts, totaling approximately \$1.4 billion and resulting in the loss of 2,000 essential service jobs, are deeply concerning. These cuts threaten to undermine the very services that are the lifeblood of our communities, particularly in areas like Harlem, where many residents rely on these crucial services.

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I urge the Council to consider the broader implications of these cuts and to seek solutions that address our city's financial challenges without compromising the integrity and accessibility of essential services. We have an opportunity to demonstrate thoughtful leadership by exploring other revenue-generating measures and efficiencies within our existing budget, rather than resorting to sweeping cuts that will have long-term detrimental effects.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of these vital issues. I look forward to your response and to working together for the betterment of our city.

Sincerely,

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Katie Mohrhauser

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Cultural Affairs Council Committee,

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Thank you so much for your time.

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We love growNYC composting services. We love our libraries. We love our public schools. Please consider changing the budget cuts.

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Thank you.

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These drastic cuts are not only extremely harmful to New Yorkers who are struggling to afford basics and many of whom are being forced to leave the city due to lack of affordability; they are also completely unnecessary.

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Criminal Justice Council Committee.

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