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Michael M. McSweeney
Clerk to the Council
141 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Transmitted herewith is the bill disapproved by the Mayor. The bill is as follows:

Int. 175-B - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a plan regarding security perimeters adjacent to educational facilities.

Sincerely,

Jahmila Edwards
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

cc: Honorable Julie Menin



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Hon. Michael McSweeney
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
141 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Re: Disapproval of Introductory No. 175-B

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 175-B, which would amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York “in relation to a plan regarding security perimeters adjacent to educational facilities.”

Over these past few weeks, I have heard from activists and community-based organizations, civil and reproductive rights groups, faith leaders and congregations, labor advocates and unions, education workers and students, and many other New Yorkers regarding their concerns about this legislation and its potential impact on them.

I disapprove Int. 175-B because it risks treading unnecessarily on New Yorkers’ constitutional rights. Moreover, the bill frames student protest as primarily a security concern, a premise I do not accept.


Int. 175-B implicates New Yorkers’ fundamental rights. The First Amendment right to free speech and assembly—the right to protest—is a core U.S. constitutional principle. When people protest outside a school or another educational facility, that right is in play. There is no equivalent and countervailing constitutional right, such as the right to worship, that must be weighed. In that light, this bill raises the risk of encroachment on New Yorkers’ fundamental right to protest.

This prospect is all the more concerning given the scope and potential reach of Int. 175-B. The bill defines “educational facility” expansively, to encompass any place in New York City “where educational programming takes place,” whether private or public, school or not. This definition includes museums, community centers, teaching hospitals, private event spaces, schools, and universities—anywhere New Yorkers are learning in an organized way. This would bear on New Yorkers’ right to protest across our city, with particular impact on the ability of unions and other labor activists to organize.

On college campuses, the bill would increase the risk of immigration consequences for immigrant student activists by raising the odds that they might come into contact with the criminal legal system during student protests. As a result, Int. 175-B would also chill immigrant students' constitutionally protected speech.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 175-B.

Respectfully,



Zohran Kwame Mamdani
Mayor

cc: Hon. Julie Menin, Speaker