



December 18, 2023

Ms. Morganne Barrett
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Committee on Sanitation & Solid
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New York City Council
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Re: MSG Feedback on Int. 1161

Dear Ms. Barrett:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated December 8, 2023 requesting feedback from Madison Square Garden Entertainment (MSG) on Int. 1161, which would require certain venues to allow ticket holders to enter the venue with certain reusable bottles.

MSG's position is that hard, reusable bottles pose a danger if used as heavy projectiles for those trying to reach the floor/playing surface. Currently, and in line with this rationale, MSG allows all attendees to enter our venues with clear, soft-plastic, empty bottles.

Safety concerns related to such projectiles are common across the industry and the exact motivation behind a policy which exists at most venues today (MSG included) that all bottle caps are to be removed from beverages sold during events. This is due to the fact that there have been cited incidents, at NFL games in particular, where full water bottles were thrown and heavy enough to be dangerous projectiles.

It is due to these significant safety concerns that MSG opposes Int. 1161.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard Constable
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