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The Honorable Melissa Mark-Viverito
Speaker
The Council of the City of New York
250 Broadway, Suite 1856
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Dear Speaker Mark-Viverito,

As you know, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has overall responsibility for the City's water and sewer system, including providing drinking water to all New Yorkers, managing storm water, and treating wastewater.

All of our water related expenses – both operational and capital – are paid with the money collected from the water and sewer rate charge, which is billed to all New York City property owners and authorized annually by the New York City Water Board. As recently discussed between our respective staff members, DEP will begin offering monthly billing as an opt-in option to all 836,000 customers by June 30, 2015. This option will provide monthly billing to all customers who desire it, while enabling those customers who prefer quarterly billing to remain on their current billing cycle.

As per our previous agreement with the Council, nearly 30,000 property owners have entered into payment agreements to pay off their delinquent water and sewer charges. These 30,000 payment agreement customers are already on monthly billing.

We believe that offering monthly billing as an option will help all DEP customers to manage their water and sewer payments in a way which best suits each individual building owner. I look forward to continuing to work with you and the rest of the City Council in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Julissa Ferreras, Finance Committee Chair
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