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Resolution supporting New York State Assembly bill A9086, and the New York State Senate's companion bill S6167, which call for the director of the State Office of Homeland Security to conduct a review and analysis of security measures in place at commercial aviation fuel distribution facilities and pipelines that are not located at commercial airports.

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Whereas, The recently foiled plot to detonate Kennedy International Airport's fuel pipes and storage tanks underscores the importance of expanding heightened security measures from actual airports to their greater infrastructure networks; and,

Whereas, There are two pipes that carry fuel to Kennedy Airport, each 12 inches in diameter; one transports jet fuel and the other carries diesel fuel for trucks, heating oil and gasoline; and

Whereas, Current security measures include alarm systems, firefighting equipment, Port Authority Police patrols guarding the tanks, cutoff valves that would block the spread of fire throughout the pipes, and strategic fuel tank placement hundreds of feet away from either people or airplanes; and

Whereas, The fuel pipes traverse populous areas spanning the three boroughs of Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens, before splitting off to feed Kennedy and La Guardia Airports; and,

Whereas, In addition to its potential for loss of life and mass destruction, an attack on the City's aviation fuel lines could wreak substantial economic havoc on the airline industry; and,

Whereas, The fuel tanks at Denver's old Stapleton International Airport ignited in 1990, burning for two days during which air traffic was crippled and 3 million gallons of fuel were lost at a cost of between \$15 million and \$20 million; and

Whereas, More rigorous review and analysis of pipeline security measures will help maintain

preparedness and protection against even the most novel, technologically advanced threats; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Council of the City of New York supports New York State Assembly bill A9086, and the New York State Senate's companion bill S6167, which call for the director of the State Office of Homeland Security to conduct a review and analysis of security measures in place at commercial aviation fuel distribution facilities and pipelines that are not located at commercial airports.

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