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Honorable Christine C. Quinn  
New York City Council  
City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Dear Speaker Quinn:

In accordance with Local Law 38 Section 24-163.2 of the Administrative code, I am hereby notifying your office of the Department of Correction's decision to purchase diesel-powered buses for use in transporting inmates to court and other correctional purposes.

As required by law, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services issued a solicitation and registered a requirement contract for the Department of Correction for both alternative and non-alternative fuel buses. The hybrid buses in the contract meet all of the Departments specifications and appear to be suitable for our use. However, the hybrid buses cost substantially more than the non-alternative fuel buses.

The cost for a 30-passenger non-alternative fuel bus is \$122,515 versus \$219,985 for the alternative fuel bus, which is an 80% cost differential. The 49-passenger non-alternative bus is \$112,045 versus \$209,660 for the alternative fuel bus, which is an 87% percent increase.

Given the additional cost and based on the provision of the law, which states that the Department of Correction is not required to purchase alternative fuel buses that "cost more than fifty percent more than other buses" that meet the Department's requirements, the Department intends to purchase diesel buses.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Department's decision not to purchase alternate fuel buses please contact me directly.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin F. Horn".

Martin F. Horn

C: John Antonelli, Sr. Deputy Commissioner, DOC  
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