



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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State Senator Gustavo Rivera
New York State Senator
District 33, the Bronx

Dear Senator Rivera,

Bronx Community Board 6 is home to the neighborhoods of West Farms and Bathgate, both of which have high concentrations of auto repair shops. For years, the Board has received complaints of illegal parking practices at these shops and has had little recourse. Our constant communication with NYPD regarding illegal parking results in regular tow operations, which are unable to keep pace with the illegal practices of local auto shops.

Pursuant to Bronx Community Board 6's June Board meeting, the Board has resolved to support Oversight Bill S.5936, which would create a public hearing process for Department of Motor Vehicle License renewals for auto shops. These hearings will create an opportunity for Community Boards and NYPD to provide input on license renewal and create accountability for licensees who are bad neighbors.

We thank Senator Rivera for his leadership on this issue and look forward to working with your office to bring attention to this issue and bill in the Senate.

Regards,

Evonne Capers
Chair
Bronx Community Board 6