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Hon. Michael McSweeney
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
141 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013
Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby veto and disapprove Introductory Number 1135-A, which would amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York "in relation to minimum payments to grocery delivery workers." To the extent that Introductory Number 1133-A in more general terms would produce the same results as 1135-A, I am compelled to veto and disapprove that legislation as well.

Now is not the time to do anything that will further increase the cost for New Yorkers of obtaining groceries, when prices are already too high. Introductory Number 1135-A would increase the cost of groceries for many New Yorkers who rely on local delivery services, including seniors, people with disabilities, and families with limited access to quality grocery stores. At a time when New Yorkers are especially focused on affordability and when national and international economic forces have raised the cost of many daily essentials, including groceries, my administration is focused on reducing costs for everyday New Yorkers and allowing them to afford to put fresh and healthy food on their tables.

To be crystal clear, I continue to believe that all New Yorkers deserve a fair wage. I have been a steadfast supporter of increased minimum pay rates for app-based restaurant delivery workers, and I remain committed ultimately to extending those protections to other industries—including third-party grocery delivery workers—but there is too much economic uncertainty to implement this change in this industry right now. Unlike the delivery of restaurant meals, grocery delivery is a fundamental need for many New Yorkers, including many

essential items obtained using delivery services). Therefore, I am compelled to veto and disapprove 1133-A at this time as well.

To be crystal clear, I continue to believe that all New Yorkers deserve a fair wage. I have been a steadfast supporter of increased minimum pay rates for app-based restaurant delivery workers, and I remain committed ultimately to extending those protections to other industries—including third-party grocery delivery workers—but there is too much economic uncertainty to implement this change in this industry right now. Unlike the delivery of restaurant meals, grocery delivery is a fundamental need for many New Yorkers, including many SNAP and EBT recipients, as well as seniors and people with disabilities, who use grocery delivery services to access fresh and affordable food products for their daily sustenance. Because the increased cost of grocery deliveries would be borne by consumers, there is a strong and unacceptable risk at this critical time that this bill will create more inflation for New Yorkers who are least able to afford it, including SNAP recipients, seniors and people with disabilities, who cannot just go to the grocery store every time they need food. At a time when most Americans are feeling increased cost burdens across so many consumer goods, especially groceries, I am determined to keep groceries affordable for every New Yorker. I am therefore compelled to veto this bill, mindful that there may come a time to focus on increasing these grocery delivery workers' wages but this is not that time, when so many New Yorkers are just trying to make ends meet, especially when it comes to affording groceries.

Accordingly, I hereby veto and disapprove Introductory Number 1135-A and Introductory Number 1133-A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Adams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Adams
Mayor