Dear Neighbor,

I write asking for your assistance concerning a matter that directly impacts our building and our safety. The New York City Council is seriously considering passing a law that would prohibit building owners throughout the city from performing even minimal, basic criminal background checks on prospective tenants. This reckless proposal, **Intro. 2047,** would completely change the rental process – and our buildings.

Although I firmly believe in using good judgement when renting to a prospective tenant, as well as providing second chances to those who have committed minor offenses, it is incumbent upon me to ensure that apartments are rented to other tenants who will not jeopardize the safety and well-being of you, your family, and other residents of this building and our community.

Allowing any prospective tenant with a serious criminal history, such as arsonists, murderers, rapists, and sex offenders, to rent an apartment – and forbidding us from conducting a criminal background check - would have inevitable and enormous consequences. This is basic common sense being ignored by politicians and in reality, would create more harm than good.

I have reached out to our local City Council Member to share my concerns and I encourage you to do the same. Ensuring our building is safe is a shared responsibility that this legislation would make extremely risky. If you are not sure who our local Council Member is, you can visit this website, www.mygovnyc.org, and simply type in your address. The name of the local Council Member, as well as their contact information, will then appear.

You can either contact this Council Member via email, phone call, social media, or even visit their district office. I urge you to help me in this effort and contact them in some capacity as soon as possible to voice your opposition to Intro. 2047. The City Council could pass this bill in as little as a few weeks, so it is important that you act quickly. I thank you in advance for your help!

Sincerely,