[ date ]

Mr/Ms. [ first and last name ]

New York City Council Member District [ number ]

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Re: Do Not Amend NYC Administrative Code, Section 12-126

Dear Council Member [ first and last name ]:

As a retiree with the [ NYC agency name here ] and a District [ your district number ] constituent of yours, I object to the proposed change to the Administrative Code, Section 12-126 enabling the City to make Medicare Advantage the only premium free retiree plan. The current Medicare / Senior Care plan will then cost at least $191 a month per person. Changing Section 12-126 of the Administrative Code will seriously undermine and compromise the healthcare protections for all City workers. It will allow the City to renegotiate the rate for everyone and place employees into different "classes" with reduced benefits eliminating the protections and equal treatment regarding health benefits that current and retired employees have now.

I strongly oppose the Administration’s planned reductions in health coverage through the privatization of Medicare for retirees as the City seeks to weaken and erode the protections guaranteed for all City workers in the Administrative Code. The City has alternatives for managing rising health care costs instead of amending the Administrative Code. The Administration could use its purchasing power to challenge hospitals for exorbitant charges, address the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs, and audit current insurance providers. The burden should not fall on current workers, retirees, and their dependents. Thus, I ask of you to please not vote in favor of amending Section 12-126 of the Administrative Code of The City of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

[ your name ]

[ your email address ]

[ your home mailing address ]