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Honorable Carolyn Maloney  
Congresswoman  
1651 Third Avenue, Suite 311  
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**RE: Security and Privacy concerns related to contact tracing - Federal**

Dear Congresswoman Maloney,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on July 15, 2020, the board **approved** the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS**, contact tracing is a critical tool in the effort to combat COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of contact tracing depends on widespread participation;

**WHEREAS**, that participation relies on community trust;

**WHEREAS**, contact tracing asks the public to disclose intimate details of their lives such as health and location information and associations;

**WHEREAS**, if individuals believe that sensitive data will not remain confidential, protected, and safe, they will not participate;

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding confidentiality protections that may be in place at the state and local levels for contact tracing information collected by state and local governments, federal government agencies or authorities may attempt to gain access to such contact tracing information; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government may institute a contact tracing program of its own, including without limitation coordination among various state and local contact tracing programs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls upon the U.S. Congress to pass and the President to sign legislation that will protect the confidentiality of information collected through contact tracing through methods similar to those provided for by a bill in the New York state legislature, A.10500-A/S.8450-A; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls for such federal legislation to protect the confidentiality of contact tracing information collected by federal, state, and local authorities.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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*Lori Bores Rebecca Dangoor Barbara Rudder*  
Lori Bores, Rebecca Dangoor, and Barbara Rudder,  
Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee

*Cos Spagnoletti Russell Squire*  
Cos Spagnoletti and Russell Squire,  
Co-Chairs of Environment and Sanitation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
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