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**TOMORROW: DE BLASIO ADMINISTRATION, ADVOCATES AND ELECTED
OFFICIALS TO CALL FOR RENEWAL AND EXPANSION OF SPEED CAMERAS AT
NYC SCHOOLS**

NEW YORK—Tomorrow, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities Commissioner Victor Calise, disability and street safety advocates, and elected officials will convene at M.S. 88 in Brooklyn to urge the State Senate to return to Albany and pass A7798C/S6046C, a bill that would preserve existing speed cameras near school zones while also expanding them to additional, high priority school zones where speeding is prevalent. Currently, A7798C/S6046C has bipartisan support in the State Senate with 35 co-sponsors. The bill has yet to reach the floor for a vote where only 32 votes are needed to pass any given bill. A7798C/S6046C passed the Assembly overwhelmingly in June 2018.

Since the State Senate did not act before the July 25th deadline, speed cameras at 120 school zones lost their authority to issue speeding violations. Speed cameras at only 20 school zones remain, and the City can move those zones daily to maximize safety. Those 20 school zones will lose their authority to issue speeding violations at the end of August if the State Senate does not act.

WHO: **Victor Calise**, Commissioner, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
Assembly Member Deborah J. Glick
Assembly Member Félix W. Ortiz
Council Member Carlos Menchaca
Caitlin M Cassaro, Executive Director, Extreme Kids and Crew, Inc.
Edith Prentiss, CEO, Taxis for All
Lester Marks, Director of Government Affairs and Administration, Lighthouse Guild for the Blind
Yolanda Torres, Executive Director, Division of Family and Community Engagement, Department of Education

WHEN: Wednesday, August 8, 2018
10:00 AM

WHERE: M.S. 88
544 7th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11215

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