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Mr. Bill de Blasio  
The Public Advocate for New York City  
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Bill de Blasio,

We are extremely concerned that the matters affecting public safety in the Highbridge Area of the Bronx in New York are becoming increasingly worrisome.

In the latter part of 2010, the Community of Highbridge, stated their opposition to the stealthy changing of the shelter for mothers and babies to become a transitional shelter for single men. We parents, teachers, businesses, residents of Highbridge hold that it is not just the quality of life that is threatened. The very safety and well being of the community is dangerously affected every day. **HIGHBRIDGE HAS NOT RECEIVED EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.** Clearly there is a disparity within our community and this is a pattern were Sexual predators are being housed without any of the safeguards that must be provided, under the law.

WE demand the enforcement of existing laws. We are seriously disturbed by the apparent silence by the legal system and the political representatives of Highbridge. Despite clear signals of the negative impact on our poor community, we find ourselves without leadership that cares for our security or what is right or wrong.

We understand that you can examine any city service or department without a need to defend any agency. The unique role your office holds, is the voice we need. We request an independent and transparent review of Basic's Men's Transitional Shelter.

We call upon the Public Advocate's Office to safeguard and protect our children and our community now and in the future.

We hope to hear from your office in a timely manner as this is an urgent matter for all of us.

Respectfully,  
The Residents of Highbridge  
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