



February 25, 2016

Mayor Bill de Blasio
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor De Blasio,


We read with interest the press release yesterday announcing the members of New York City's Technical Working Group tasked with reviewing and recommending new policies for crane operations within the City.

The Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) is an international trade association of more than 1,300 members from 46 nations. Our members are involved in crane and rigging operations, machinery moving and erecting, industrial maintenance, millwrighting, specialized transportation, and equipment manufacturing and rental. SC&RA helps members run more efficient and safer businesses by monitoring and affecting pending legislation and regulatory policies at the state and national levels; researching and reporting on safety concerns and best business practices; and providing four yearly forums where these and other relevant member issues can be advanced.

Safety is the number one priority of our organization and resonates throughout our core values. There are many crane and rigging professionals working safely throughout the country who would be an asset to your technical working group. While we recognize the need to not appoint anyone who has pending business before the City, as the leading organization representing crane and rigging companies throughout the world, we are disappointed to note that no industry professionals were appointed to your technical working group. With the City's desire to have "strong, science-based policies" in place, it's important to remember and consider the real world aspects of crane operations which these professionals can bring to the table and share with the group.

We sincerely hope you will reconsider adding at least one or two of these professionals to your group in order to draft not only the safest policies for crane operations but also policies and regulations that are viable, fair, equitable and deliver the intended results.

If you'd like to discuss this issue further, please contact me at (703) 698-0291. We look forward to hearing from you and to working with you and the technical working group on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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