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December 23, 2022

Vincent G. Bradley
Chair
New York State Liquor Authority (SLA)
80 South Swan Street, Suite 900
Albany NY 12210

Dear Chair Bradley:

I am writing to you to urge you to investigate alleged discriminatory practices by Radio City Productions, LLC. and MSG Arena LLC. Recent press reports indicate that these establishments are using facial recognition technology to ban patrons based on their employer. I urge you to investigate these reports and take appropriate action if these practices are found to violate the terms of Radio City and MSG's liquor licenses.

On December 19th, NBC reported that a woman was removed from Radio City Music Hall after she was identified by facial recognition technology as being employed by a law firm engaged in litigation with MSG, the operators of Radio City. She was accompanying her daughter's Girl Scout Troop to a Christmas show. A sign at the venue indicates that facial recognition is used as a security measure, but the use in this case was clearly not related to any possible security threat. More details regarding this case are available in this news report:
<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/investigations/face-recognition-tech-gets-girl-scout-mom-booted-from-rockettes-show-due-to-her-employer/4004677/>

I am deeply concerned both about the discriminatory and retaliatory nature of the action taken in this case, as well as the privacy implications of this broad use of facial recognition technology to identify patrons of a business.

I urge you to investigate this matter, and keep me informed as to any action taken by the SLA in this case. I also intend to explore legislation to address my larger concerns about this misuse of facial recognition technology.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Krueger".

Liz Krueger
State Senator