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The Honorable Edward I. Koch Mayor, City of New York City Hall New York, N. Y. 10007

Dear Ed:

While I usually agree with your decisions and philosophy (except as they concern me), I cannot understand how you can allow once one of the truly great streets of America, Fifth Avenue, to be overrun by peddlars and food vendors. They have created such a blight that shoppers and visitors alike are appalled to see the decline of this historic avenue. Having ketchup and mustard splattered all over the sidewalk by vendors who "couldn't care less" is disgraceful. I only wish I had their political muscle — they really need it in order to keep this outrage going.

I know that you must have your reasons and also know that you won't change your mind, but it is a shame. As the filthy food carts come in, the Guccis, Jourdans, et cetera will leave, and with them both prestige and taxes will be lost to the City forever.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Trump

P.S. The new "act" on Fifth Avenue is the humongous vegetable stand which operates at Fifth Avenue and 57th Street. It does wonders for increasing the value of real estate on Bond Street in London and the Champs Elysses in Paris.

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