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Gregg I. Malawer
U.S. Department of Justice
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450 5th Street, NW, Suite 4000
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Dear Mr. Malawer:

After reviewing your letter concerning the potential effects of Assembly Bill 2975, I have decided to withdraw my sponsorship of this legislation. As a proponent of increased consumer choice and competition, I can not sponsor legislation that could lead to reduced innovation and increased fees to consumers. I appreciate the Department of Justice's interest, analysis and advice on this bill. If you have additional issues with any legislation that I sponsor, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Benjamin
Member of Assembly

Cc: Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg
Real Estate Board of New York
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