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Teamsters Statement on Horse Carriage Heat Regulations

NEW YORK, NY - Demos Demopoulos Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 553, which represents workers in the horse carriage industry, issued the following statement in response to a call by NYCLASS to revoke Christina Hansen's license:

"Christina Hansen, one of NYC Central Park Carriage Industry's most knowledgeable and active carriage drivers has not committed any violation with respect to the temperature governing horses (admin code 17-330). In fact Ms. Hansen, after finishing a ride on July 2rd, rode back to the stables on her own accord, without incident or citation."

"The Teamsters championed the increased regulations adopted in 2010 by the City Council to improve working conditions for drivers and workers. We stand by these regulations and enforcement, as does Ms. Hansen."

"Those who are in favor of banning the trade have a long history of harassing our members and using sensational statements to the press and derogatory language to carriage drivers while they are working. This situation is no exception."

"I am confident that the agencies that govern this industry will continue to monitor and enforce the high standards we fought so hard for without intervention from civilians with the intent seeking punitive results."