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My name is _____. I'm a member of Local ___ [*include Local's name, like Dockbuilders and Timbermen, if helpful*] of the New York City District Council of Carpenters. I live in the district of _____ Councilmember _____. May I speak with him/her or the chief of staff? [*Probably won't be available, so give the message to some other staff member.*] I'm calling to urge Councilmember _____ to support Intro 1447 that would amend the Building Code to require necessary training and safety qualifications for construction workers. I know from my own first-hand experience how important adequate safety training is for construction work. The overwhelming majority of New York City construction accidents and deaths are on non-union jobs where the contractors and developers don't provide and require adequate safety training. That's because they value quick and easy profits over adequate safety and people's lives. The proposed bill would help fix that. I and my union's members support the bill and hope that Councilmember _____ will also. We'll be following what happens with the bill. If Councilmember _____ would like, I can arrange a meeting with other Carpenters and myself, all of whom live in the district, to discuss this bill.

[Always speak slowly and politely. But insist that the person to whom you speak takes down the relevant information about your call. That includes politely insisting that the person to whom you speak takes down your name and contact info for follow-up. Ditto your taking down that person's name and job title. Then follow up by reporting your call to the Union so that we can track how many calls were made to each Councilmember. There's strength in numbers.]