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**A.1248/Lancman  
Telework Expansion Act**

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This legislation would establish a policy and program to allow New York City's agencies' employees to perform all or a portion of their duties through teleworking programs so much as job performances are not affected. This would decrease congestion and pollution in Manhattan. In addition this would allow many workers to have greater flexibility when it comes to childcare and senior care which can be very demanding. Telework programs could reduce the cost of childcare for many workers as well as the cost of commuting.

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This legislation would also address health concerns of many New Yorkers. A 2007 report by the Environmental Defense Fund, Heavy Traffic, Dirty Air, And the Risk to New Yorkers, concluded that many New Yorkers live within 500 feet of congested streets or high ways, this pollution creates health problems for many New Yorkers.

As transportation costs, and childcare costs are on the rise, and pollution is a growing concern this legislation is needed to help the workers of New York City. District Council 37 on behalf of its 125,000 members, supports the Teleworking Expansion Act for the benefits listed above, as long as workers rights are still respected and protected.

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