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Dear Walmart and the Walton Family Foundation:

Communities always lose far more than they gain from you. New Yorkers across the five boroughs know that they can't afford to lose the good local jobs and vibrant small businesses that predatory and harmful Walmart stores would quickly take away. That's why you have failed to open a single store here.

But we know how desperate you are to find a new foothold in New York City and to buy influence and support here. A few years ago, you relied on slick ads and overpriced consultants to try to win over New Yorkers, but now you have gone underground and are running a stealth campaign with your money.

Well, listen up: We are on to you! We have seen your growing but quiet efforts to bankroll the privatization of public education in New York City and to invest in conservative organizations here that are actively working to undermine the progressive agenda we support. And we are not having any of it.

So, we are calling on you today to stop spending your dangerous dollars in our city. That's right: this is a cease and desist letter representing the views of thousands of New Yorkers across the city.

We've had it. Our constituents have had it. And everyone we know in this city has had it with you.

We are all familiar with your efforts nationally to fund anti-worker, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBT, and anti-democratic policies and politicians. But make no mistake: you will not get away with that here. So, stop trying!

It is not going to happen, especially not now. We are working hard to advance policies and legislation that will reduce inequality and help promote better education, better jobs, and a better city for all.

Your dangerous dollars are not welcome here and will not be accepted. Your toxic money is being rejected by New York City today.

Many of us are gathering at City Hall today with a diverse group of outraged residents to rip up your checks to the city and show that you have been outnumbered, outmaneuvered, and outsmarted.

You have been defeated many times before in New York City. And today you are being defeated again.

Sincerely,

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