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**STATEMENT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER MARY T. BASSETT ON AMICUS BRIEF
FILED IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK CITY'S SUGARY DRINK PORTION RULE**

“The amicus brief filed today by the National Alliance for Hispanic Health and nine other organizations in support of NYC’s cap on sugary drink portions is a reminder of what this rule is about: protecting the health of New Yorkers. Corporate lawsuits and well-financed marketing campaigns do not change the documented scientific fact that there is an obesity and diabetes epidemic in our city, with the epicenter in our poorest neighborhoods. We must protect New Yorkers from corporate practices that value profits at the expense of their customers’ health.”

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