

May 21, 2015

Ms. Mary Travis Bassett
Commissioner
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
125 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013

Re: Meeting to Discuss Mosquito Control

Dear Commissioner Bassett:

We hope this letter finds you well.

One of the more disturbing annual rites of spring we experience here on Staten Island is the flood of mosquito complaints we begin to receive in our respective offices. In the past, such complaints concentrated mostly on the nuisance factor, but today such complaints center on very real health concerns, particularly West Nile Virus.

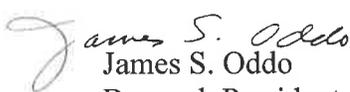
Each year our mosquito problem seems to get worse, and this year constituent complaints are coming in earlier and at a greater rate than in previous years. We are proposing a meeting at Staten Island Borough Hall in the near future at a mutually acceptable date and time. We would like to review your agency's mosquito control plans, and to discuss the possibility of employing more dynamic tactics.

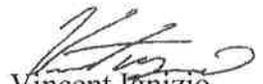
We need to take the most aggressive approach we have ever taken. The problem is larger than ever and the response needs to be immediate, comprehensive and forceful.

Please respond by email to joddo@stateninsula.com or by telephone at (718) 816-2237. We hope we can work together proactively to alleviate this problem.

Thank you for your kind attention, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,


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