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March 19, 2014

The Honorable Kathryn Garcia
Commissioner
Department of Sanitation, City of New York
125 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Dear Commissioner Garcia:

Let us start by offering our heartfelt congratulations on being appointed the new Commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation: New York's Strongest. We believe that Mayor de Blasio has made a wise choice, and together we look forward to working closely with you on the many important issues that affect our borough.

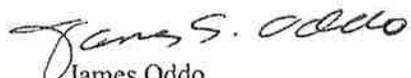
We believe that Staten Island and the Department of Sanitation have developed a distinctive relationship over the past decades, and we often feel that DSNY issues are OUR issues. Indeed, the fact that the Fresh Kills Landfill had been the sole repository of the city's garbage for decades is never far from our minds.

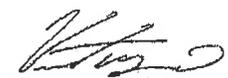
We hope you will come to understand, as did Commissioner Doherty, himself a Staten Islander, that our borough's unique problems call for creative solutions. Our population is smaller, but our aging infrastructure is sorely overtaxed, and there are more cars on our roads and streets because we have so few mass transit options – and new street sweepers are sorely needed.

We would like to formally invite you to visit our borough at your earliest convenience. It is our belief that nothing we could write in a letter will be able to convey the importance of developing a real synergy between your agency and our borough than an escorted tour, which we would be so happy to provide.

If you would like to schedule a visit, please have a member of your staff contact Borough President Oddo's Chief-of-Staff, Mr. Jason Razefsky, at (718) 816-2232 or via email at jrazefsky@stateninsula.com.

Thank you for your time and attention.


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