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BOROUGH HALL  
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10301

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The Honorable Bill de Blasio  
Mayor, City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

During your campaign, and since your election, you have spoken eloquently about being the voice for those who have no voice. Every borough has such communities – and ours is certainly no exception. We, the Borough President and Council Member who represent the North Shore neighborhoods of Staten Island, which are among the least affluent in our borough, take our mandate very seriously. We wish to take this opportunity speak on behalf of the residents living near the Department of Sanitation Garage on Jersey Street in Tompkinsville.

We are so pleased and encouraged that the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) has issued an RFEI to replace this eyesore with a project that will finally enhance a community that has for decades been beset with this blemish on their neighborhood and drag on their quality of life. For far too long they have put up with the kind of conditions that no residential community should be forced to endure.

But though the RFEI is an important first step, nothing will come of it unless the capital is found and the funds are dedicated to re-locating the garage; indeed, a site has already been identified within the boundaries of the former Fresh Kills Landfill.

We urge you to dedicate funds for the re-siting of this garage in your Executive Budget. This neighborhood deserves nothing less than this kind of real commitment from those elected officials whom they hope and expect to be their advocates and their voices.

The removal of this garage will be a game-changer for this neighborhood, and we know that working together, the Mayor, the City Council and the Borough President can get it done. Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

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