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Acting Commissioner Howard Zucker
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12237

Acting Commissioner Zucker,

I write to you today with the unfortunate news that since our last communication, further discoveries of asbestos-contaminated materials have been made within my district. A second location has been found to be the site of illicit dumping of tainted debris, and I have deep concern about the health and safety impact of this growing crisis on the residents of Brentwood and Central Islip. To expand further upon my initial request, I am requesting that the NY State Department of Health assist Suffolk County in expanding the scope of their investigation to include the parcel located at the corner of Rt. 111 and Sage Street in Central Islip.

There is no greater responsibility of any elected official than to protect the safety and well-being of the children in our communities, so it is of the greatest importance to me that we do everything to ensure that the park and any other contaminated parcel be returned to safe condition and that we as a community understand how we need to move forward to deal with the health implications of what has occurred.

Please reach out to me directly so that we can discuss ways I can be of assistance in facilitating the next steps in this matter.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter and look forward to working with you to ensure that the health threat is properly assessed and that our community is not wrongfully kept in the dark.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Philip Ramos

CC: Commissioner Tomarken