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Ms. Venetia Lannon
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Re: Turkey Removal from Ocean Breeze and Surrounding Area

Dear Director Lannon:

We hope this letter finds you well.

We want to thank you for meeting to discuss the ongoing dilemma presented by the presence of turkeys in Ocean Breeze and agree that the community has been burdened by this nuisance long enough. While we understand that DEC has received requests to remove the turkeys from Staten Island by any means necessary, we continue to believe that relocation is the best option.

The turkeys are a nuisance to many, but like many Staten Islanders, we would prefer not to see these animals culled. As such, we are requesting more time to make a public appeal for assistance in finding sites that are suitable for relocation before the planned roundup by the US Department of Agriculture.

This is a sensitive issue and it will be to the ultimate benefit of the community and all stakeholders to find a solution that satisfies as many concerns as possible.

Please accord this request every consideration consistent with your rules and regulations and do not hesitate contact our respective offices to discuss further.

Very truly yours,

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