

THE ASSEMBLY STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY

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<u>Via Certified Mail</u> Hon. Scott H. Bendett 36 Huntley Road Averill Park, New York 12018

Dear Mr. Bendett:

I have been advised by the Assembly Standing Committee on Ethics and Guidance that it has concluded its investigation into allegations that you violated the Assembly's Policy Prohibiting Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation (hereinafter, the Policy). A copy of the Committee's letter to me is attached.

After a full investigation, the ethics committee concluded that you made two statements related to religion and national origin to an international intern in violation of the Policy. The Committee recommends that you be ordered to undergo sensitivity training.

I accept the recommendations of the Committee on Ethics and Guidance in full. Accordingly, you are hereby ordered to undergo sensitivity training within ninety (90) days.

Very truly yours,

NYS Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie

C: Hon. Will Barclay