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Commissioner
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
42-09 28th Street
Long Island City, NY 11101

Kathryn Garcia
Commissioner
NYC Department of Sanitation
125 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Re: Rodent Infestation on Jefferson Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn

Dear Commissioner Barbot and Commissioner Garcia:

Our offices have received numerous complaints about an out of control rodent infestation on Jefferson Avenue between Bedford Avenue and Nostrand Avenue. My constituents have reported frequent rat sightings on this residential block. They believe that these rats are attracted to overflowing city garbage receptacles on area sidewalks. They have also noted that the city's trash cans often are not emptied regularly. In addition, construction in the area has exacerbated this problem.

The residents of this neighborhood are very concerned about rats invading their homes, attacking their pets and possibly spreading rabies. Some have even reported that the rats have taken shelter inside their cars, chewed wires and caused substantial damage to vehicles. The people of this community work very hard to keep their neighborhood beautiful and vibrant. The presence of these rats creates a significant health and safety threat. Enclosed for your reference are news articles detailing this public health hazard.

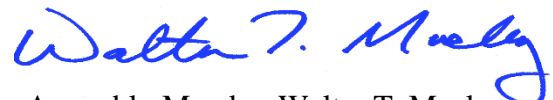
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We respectfully request that you investigate this rat problem and begin immediate abatement measures. If you are in need of further information or have any questions about the situation described in this letter, please contact Oscar Jonas of Senator Montgomery's office at 718-643-6140 or via e-mail at OJonas@NYSenate.gov.


Sincerely,



Senator Velmanette Montgomery
25th Senate District



Assembly Member Walter T. Mosley
57th Assembly District



Assembly Member Tremaine Wright
56th Assembly District

Enclosures

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Richard Flateau, Chairperson, Brooklyn Community Board 3