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By Regular and Electronic Mail

Hon. Charles Lavine  
New York State Assembly  
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Dear Assemblyman Lavine:

Thank you for your letter dated June 21, 2017, and for the efforts of the Ethics and Guidance Committee to investigate and address the complaint at issue in your letter. I endorse the additional training for the accused Member of the Assembly.

I request that you also send a letter to the accused Member and, if he is represented by counsel, to his lawyer that reminds him that the Assembly policy and New York State and federal laws prohibit any retaliation against the complainant or witnesses in any circumstances, including when there was not a finding that the Assembly policy was violated.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Carl E. Heastie  
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CC: Hon. Brian Kolb  
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