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Amanda Lefton
Acting Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233

RE: Green Asphalt Plant
37-98 Railroad Avenue
Long Island City, New York 11101

Dear Acting Commissioner Lefton:

Community Board 2 is writing to bring your attention to a pertinent issue in Queens Community District 2 concerning the Green Asphalt Plant located at 37-98 Railroad Avenue, LIC, NY.

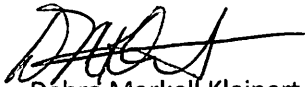
Despite a violation of New York State Air Pollution Control Law and Environmental Conservation Law, the Green Asphalt Plant located at 37-98 Railroad Avenue, Long Island City, NY continues to operate as normal. CB 2 and the Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee have received multiple complaints from residents in the area about poor air quality, soot, smog and pollution coming from the plant. Since the issuance of the original violation over a year ago, it is unclear why the plant has continued to operate or if they are even continuing to incur fines.

Community Board 2 Queens is already plagued with a litany of environmental issues, including extreme flooding and lack of green space. The Blissville neighborhood, where the Green Asphalt plant is closest too, also hosts a children's and older adults shelter. Both of these demographics are highly vulnerable to poor air quality and must be protected by our state laws and regulations.

CB 2 is respectfully requesting the DEC to hold these polluters accountable and to protect our community from further environmental harm. We are also hoping the DEC can provide clarity as to other agencies or entities that have regulatory authority over a plant like this.

Thank you for your review of this matter.

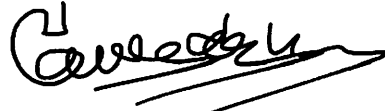
Sincerely,



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Cc: Honorable Grace Meng, US Congress
Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, US Congress
Honorable Michael Gianaris, NY State Senate
Honorable Kristen Gonzalez, NY State Senate
Honorable Jessica Ramos, NY State Senate
Honorable Claire Valdez, NYS Assembly
Honorable Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas, NYS Assembly
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