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**Department of
Environmental
Protection**

59-17 Junction Boulevard
Flushing, New York
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**Christopher O. Ward
Commissioner**

February 7, 2003

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Dear Ms. **PII**

Your correspondence was forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Environmental Compliance for response.

As you know EPA, the lead agency in this endeavor, had extended the program on several occasions. It is their position that the number of extensions through December 28, 2002, was sufficient to allow all residents to register in this cleanup reassurance program.

**Robert C. Avaltroni
Deputy Commissioner**

**Bureau of
Environmental
Compliance**

Tel (718) 595-4418
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Thank you for correspondence related to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Gilson".

**Michael Gilson
Assistant Commissioner**



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Mary Jane Walczyszyn 
Office of Correspondence and Constituent Services
10th Floor
595-4155

Date: 1/23/03

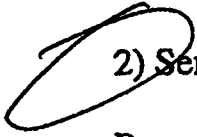
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Response due date: 2/6/03

To: Avaltroni

Would you please

1) Draft a response for -----
signature and forward it to me for processing.

 2) Send a copy of your signed response to me for our files.

Remarks:

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December 23, 2002

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg
City Hall
New York, N.Y. 10007

DEP

Dear Mr. Bloomberg

I am a resident at Independence Plaza, located 6 blocks from the World Trade Center. I am requesting that you urge the Environmental Protection Agency to extend the WTC Indoor Clean Up Deadline for 3 months beyond the December 28th, 2003 registration deadline for the following reasons:

- Only 6,601 out of approximately 30,000 down town residents within the WTC EPA Indoor clean up zone have registered. **THEREFORE, MANY RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR HOMES CLEANED, ARE AT RISK OF FUTURE HEALTH PROBLEMS FROM LONG TERM EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS CONTAMINANTS.**
- Only 239 buildings are registered for whole building clean up. If apartments are cleaned without a whole building clean up, they will be re-contaminated. EPA told us landlords and tenants associations cannot register for whole building clean ups after the deadline.
- EPA has not hired outreach workers who speak Asian languages, although part of China Town is in the WTC EPA Indoor Clean up zone. Last week at a City Council hearing China Town residents complained many residents in their community never heard of EPA, although many of their apartments are permeated with dust and residents have reported increased respiratory problems after 9/11.
- EPA has not provided risk communication to the public about the potential health risks of not having their homes cleaned. EPA has also done poor outreach and must expand their outreach efforts and extend the deadline.

Sincerely

Maureen Silverman



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

January 7, 2003

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REFERRAL TO:

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CONSTITUENT:

Casework#: 191778
Ms. Maureen Silverman

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ACTION REQUESTED:

The attached correspondence is being forwarded to your agency for response. The only information the Office of the Mayor has about this constituent is included in the attached letter. Respond directly to the constituent under the appropriate signature within your agency. Please call Stacy Lewis with questions at (212) 788-2771

DUE DATE: within 10 working days of receipt

ACTION TAKEN:

Please check action taken and provide a detailed explanation (please write any other pertinent information on the back of this sheet).

- ____ Constituent received a written response (attach copy)
- ____ Constituent was responded to via phone. Phone number: _____ Spoke to: _____
- ____ The matter is outside of our jurisdiction. I suggest referral to: _____

*X-XO
Gallagher*

Return this form to:
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