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Regional Director Cathy Haas NYS DEC Region 1 50 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11790

Re: Deer Overpopulation along the North Shore of Suffolk County

Dear Director Haas:

I hope this letter finds you well. Within the past few weeks, my office has received multiple complaints from constituents regarding the excessive population of wild deer, specifically the Villages and hamlets of Lloyd Harbor, Lloyd Neck, Asharoken, Northport and Eaton's Neck.

While these complaints have been voiced for many years and this native wildlife has long been an issue on Long Island; it has now become a daily danger to residents driving in these areas, as well as the threat to humans and pets due to the disease spread by deer ticks, such as Lyme Disease.

The deer tick problem is now worse than it has been in years.

I am requesting a response on behalf of my constituents as to what measures may be taken by the NYSDEC Region 1 to address the deer overpopulation issue that is negatively affecting so many Long Islanders every day.

I hope to hear from you soon, so I can keep my constituents up to date with any developments that will provide them with some relief.

Sincerely,

Hon. Keith P. Brown

NYS Assemblyman 12th AD

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