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Louis A. Cuccinello, Vice-Chairman
North Jersey District Water Supply Commission
1 Orechio Drive
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Dear Vice-Chairman Cuccinello:

In response to Deborah Gramiccioni's October 12, 2010 memorandum to the Executive Director of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission ("NJDWSC"), the Governor's Authorities Unit was provided Commissioner attendance records for the period of September 2009 to September 2010. A preliminary examination of those records raises significant concerns. Particularly, the Executive Director's response reflects that you have missed six meetings in that review period. Our records of subsequent Commission meetings reflect that you have missed three additional meetings through January 2011.

Appointment to the Board of Commissioners of NJDWSC entails significant responsibilities which include attendance at every meeting absent a valid excuse. In addition, Commissioners are provided a salary for their service pursuant to statute. In light of the Governor's ongoing effort to ensure that all Commissioners uphold their duties to the public, I am requesting an explanation for your absence at each of the meetings indicated above. Please provide your written response to the Authorities Unit within seven (7) business days.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

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