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The Honorable Steven Bellone Suffolk County Executive H. Lee Dennison Building 100 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dear County Executive Bellone,

I hope this letter finds you well. The current health crisis in the State of New York is unprecedented, and the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Third Senatorial District is staggering. Most notably, the high rate of infection within the hamlets of Brentwood and Central Islip are elevated and our residents are in dire need of resources to combat the virus.

As you are aware, as of April 7, 2020 there were 1,188 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Brentwood and 624 confirmed cases in Central Islip. These communities have unique needs and some face obstacles such as a language barrier, limited access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and lack of transportation to visit testing sites. I am respectfully requesting immediate resources for the hamlets of Brentwood and Central Islip, including but not limited to, a COVID-19 testing site, distribution of PPE, cleaning agents and hand sanitizer, and Spanish language resources targeting these hamlets to relay pertinent information.

It is imperative we work together to protect all residents during this pandemic by providing resources to flatten the curve. Thank you for your attention to this time-sensitive and grave matter. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at 631-360-3356.

Sincerely,

Monica R. Martinez New York State Senator

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