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## Empowering Communities, Advocating Solutions.

## To Whom It May Concern:

Since we have worked in your community before, you will remember that Citizens Campaign for the Environment is a statewide environmental organization working for clean and safe water, waste prevention and funding for enforcement of environmental protection. The purpose of this letter is to again provide background information on our organization and our canvass so that you are aware of our activities and have the information you need to respond to any inquiries about our work.

As in previous years, our program includes informing residents in your community of our work and asking them to become involved in our campaigns. We conduct a door-to-door canvass, asking residents to sign a support statement, make a contribution, and write a letter.

We will be conducting our canvass in the Village of Watkins Glen beginning August 10th and completing our work by November 10th. We will be out in the community from 4pm-9pm, Monday – Friday; 11am-4pm, Saturdays.

As a courtesy to all communities in which we canvass, we notify each town or city before starting work there. Our canvassers also carry photo identification cards from our organization.

Because Citizens Campaign for the Environment is engaged in constitutionally-protected political speech in its canvass operation, it is not required to obtain a permit prior to engaging in this activity. *Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York v. Village of Stratton*, 536 U.S. 150 (2002). <u>Please notify all police officers and dispatch</u> of our presence so that they are aware of our constitutionally-protected right to engage in our membership drive.

You will note that the last page of this packet of information is a verification form that states we have made you aware of our activities. <u>Please sign and return the "Canvass Verification" form</u> so that both the residents and law enforcement officers in your area will know that we have contacted your office should any questions arise. Should you need additional information, please call me at (315) 472-1339. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christopher Huetteman Staff Director