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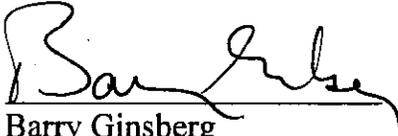
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**NOTICE OF REASONABLE CAUSE**

Pursuant to Executive Law §94(12)(a), the Commission on Public Integrity ("Commission") finds that there is sufficient evidence establishing reasonable cause to believe that you violated Legislative Law §1-m, when on or about April 8, 2008, you hosted a complimentary two hour reception held in the State Room, located in Albany, New York where you offered complimentary food and refreshments to public officials in excess of nominal value.

As required by law, a copy of this notice is retained by the Commission for public inspection. Please be advised that pursuant to Legislative Law §1-o(b), a lobbyist, public corporation, or client who, following a hearing, is found to have knowingly and intentionally violated the provisions of Legislative Law §1-m shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed the greater of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each violation or three times the amount of the gift offered.

Dated: 8-6-09

By: 

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