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THE ASSEMBLY
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Via Email

Honorable Carl E. Heastie Speaker New York State Assembly Legislative Office Building, Room 932 Albany, New York 12248

Dear Speaker Heastie:

As you know, the Assembly Committee on Ethics and Guidance ("Committee") has jurisdiction over, and is responsible for, investigating possible violations of the Assembly's Policy Prohibiting Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation ("the Policy", "Policy"). We are writing to summarize the results of a recent investigation and to communicate our findings and recommendations to you, in accordance with the Policy.

Counsel to the Committee received reports of potential violations of the Policy concerning Assemblymember Eddie Gibbs. Counsel referred the matter to outside independent investigator Christopher Massaroni of the law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP to conduct an investigation into the allegations. In conformity with the Policy's requirements, Chair McMahon sent Assembly Member Gibbs a letter indicating that an investigation had commenced and a written plan to prevent retaliation, preserve documents, and ensure non-interference with witnesses.

Christopher Massaroni conducted a thorough investigation, in which Member Gibbs cooperated. Christopher Massaroni reported to the Committee, which accepted his report on the matter at its meeting on October 8, 2025. Thereafter, Member Gibbs appeared in front of the Committee on December 10, 2025.

Having heard from the investigator and Member Gibbs, the Committee concludes that Member Gibbs violated the Policy by making sexually explicit remarks on the Assembly floor.

The Committee recommends that:

The Speaker issue a written warning to Member Gibbs and require that Member Gibbs undergo counseling to address the use of sexually explicit remarks and the use of professional communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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