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To Whom It May Concern:

Long Island Geologists is an organization of geologists interested in all aspects of Long Island geology and hydrology. There are about 400 active participants who are high school teachers, faculty in colleges and universities, and professionals working for government agencies, public agencies, and private companies. In order to poll the interest of professional geologists on Long Island in June 1996 we sent the following to each of the participants on our mailing list.

Dear Colleague:

We want your opinion. The New York State Council of Professional Geologists is presently drafting a bill for licensing professional geologists. They expect to have it introduced in the New York State Legislature shortly.

Reasons given for licensure include:

- Promote the protection of public health and welfare and the environment through the professional practice of geology
- Strengthen and advance the geologic sciences as a profession
- Promote high standards of ethical conduct among its members and within the profession of geology
- Promote the legal standing of geologists and their ability to practice geology in New York State.

**I favor licensing of geologists in New York State.**

**I oppose licensing of geologists in New York State.**

Comments:

We had 256 responses an incredibly high rate of return, that showed the interest of Geologists on Long Island in licensing geologists. Of these, responses 231 were in favor of licensing, 20 were opposed, and 5 were uncommitted. Thus, 90 percent of the respondents were in favor of licensing of professional geologists. Professional geologists on Long Island have been strongly supporting the efforts of the New York State Council of Professional Geologists through the last few years to get geologists in New York State Licensed.

Given this response, it is clear that the professional geologists on Long Island overwhelmingly support passage of S.2383 Senator Marcellino/A5262 Assemblyman Englebright for the licensure of geologists.

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