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Dear Assemblymember Grannis and Staff:

I write in response to the parking calendar which you recently sent. While the mailing of any document to all your constituents is probably a waste of resources, it is not mere inefficiency which inspires me to write. Rather, it is the content of your apparently offhand mailing.

It is obvious that you attempted to mail a document which people would want to keep. It is curious, then, in a city and borough where the majority of the population does not own an automobile and, why you thought a parking calendar would be a useful thing to mail.

As you doubtless know, a car is nearly useless for travelling about the city. Traffic congestion contributes to the city's poor air quality, causing unnecessarily high levels of asthma. Our legislature ought to discourage driving, not aid in its scheduling.

I hope that your mailing priorities do not reflect your legislative priorities, and that instead you will work towards improving our city's walking, bicycling, and public transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Michael Castleman