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September 13, 2020

The Gindi Family
Century 21 Department Stores LLC
22 Cortlandt Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Gindi Family:

As you know, we shared in our community's dismay when we heard the news that all of Century 21's thirteen department stores would be closing. It is unconscionable that due to your insurance company's greed and refusal to pay your interruption claim during the COVID-19 pandemic that this New York City landmark will be forced to close its doors.

Our district has proudly been home to Century 21's original location on 86th Street in Bay Ridge for over 60 years. Your flagship store has been of vital importance to our local economy by providing an excellent customer experience and value while acting as one of our largest employers. It would be devastating for our community and our local economy to lose you as a partner.

We are ready to do everything in our power to help the business to keep at least the original Bay Ridge store open. We appreciate all that Century 21 has done for our community over many decades, and we would love to continue this relationship. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working together going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Brannan".

Councilman Justin Brannan, 43rd District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Gounardes".

State Senator Andrew Gounardes, 22nd District