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Hon. Basil Seggos
Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation
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Fax & Mail

Immediate Attention Required

Dear Commissioner Seggos:

I am writing to you regarding a recent report of the murder of a mute swan family in Oneida Lake by the Department of Agriculture.

As you will note from the enclosed article, many individuals have contacted me outraged that this occurred. Individuals report that the two adult birds were shot, and the four remaining babies were drowned.

The enclosed article states your agency ordered the removal of these birds.

While I understand the reason for removal was the result of a recent attack by a mute swan, this method of removal is unacceptable.

Given this information, I would appreciate your reviewing this matter and letting me know why the family of mute swans was murdered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Avella".

Tony Avella
State Senator
11th Senatorial District