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Dear Mr. Stevens:

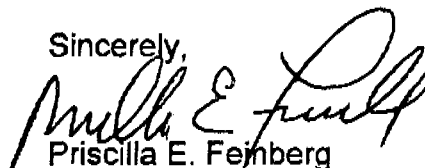
This is a follow-up to our conversation earlier today regarding recent Health Insurance premium deductions for Council 82 represented Security Supervisors Unit and Agency Law Enforcement Services Unit (ALES) employees.

It appears, that beginning with the July 6, 2006 pay period, employees in the Security Supervisors and ALES Units were included with the health insurance premium deduction changes that were implemented for Security Services employees affected by the NYSCOPBA Interest Arbitration Award. As a result, employees enrolled in the Empire Plan saw a decrease in their Health Insurance premium deduction and employees enrolled in an HMO saw an increase in the amount of premium deducted.

Although for the majority of Council 82 represented employees the premium differences are modest, they were charged incorrectly. Since this error did not come to the attention of Civil Service until yesterday, I cannot tell you how the mix-up occurred, when the deduction will be adjusted and how the over or under paid premium contributions will be corrected.

Please be assured, however, that we are working with Civil Service to address this issue as soon as possible. I apologize for any difficulty this may have caused your members.

Sincerely,



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Associate Director

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