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Daniel E. Wall, Commissioner  
Department of Civil Service  
Alfred E. Smith State Office Building  
Albany, NY 12239

George H. Madison, Director  
Governor's Office of Employee Relations  
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Albany, NY 12223

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Dear Commissioner Wall & Director Madison:

It has been brought to my attention that state agencies in Broome County have submitted requests for a waiver of the time and attendance rules for June 28-June 30, 2006. As you know, Broome County was among those devastated with severe flooding on June 28, 2006.

It is my understanding that the leave accruals have been restored for employees ordered to vacate the Glendale facility on Wednesday, June 28th. However, leave accruals have not been restored for all employees and agencies in this region, such as the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).

I am writing to respectfully request that the attendance rules be suspended in order to restore employees' leave accruals that were utilized during this flood disaster. Employees should not be required to charge their accruals when a facility is ordered closed and unnecessary travel is restricted.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and a timely resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna A. Lupardo".

Donna A. Lupardo  
Member of Assembly

