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Assemblymember 67th District

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Abraham Gindi
Chief Executive Officer
Century 21 Department Stores, LLC
22 Cortland Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Gindi:

I hope this finds you well. As the New York State Assemblymember for the Upper West Side of Manhattan, I wanted to welcome you to the neighborhood. My constituents are very excited for your new uptown location, particularly as you inherit a building that has served as a community focal point for so long. Please let me know if I can be of assistance as you settle in.

Many of my constituents are very passionate about animal rights, and as such I would like to advise you as to the laws regarding faux-fur in New York State. A law I passed in the State Legislature requires a merchant to specifically note whether a clothing item is made from or with real or faux fur, regardless of the amount of fur used on the tag of the garment. Federal law additionally requires that items containing any fur must list both species of animal used and country of origin; both laws are especially important given the incidents reported earlier this year concerning the mislabeling of garments in department stores throughout the five boroughs. I wanted to express my desire and that of my constituents that Century 21 adhere to state and federal fur and faux-fur regulations, and to note that the best way to avoid such issues of mislabeling is to avoid carrying garments made from fur in your stores altogether.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you and the rest of Century 21 in the coming years. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance as you join our community.

Sincerely,


Linda B. Rosenthal
Member of Assembly