Dear Friends, Family, Neighbors,

I am writing to ask your help in sponsoring me for the first-ever Hempstead Harbor Clean-a-Thon, which is being coordinated by the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor (CSHH).

Founded in 1986, CSHH has been dedicated to identifying and eliminating environmental threats to Hempstead Harbor and the surrounding communities. CSHH has conducted an award-winning water-monitoring program since 1992 and for over 30 years has been a watchdog for the harbor, diligently keeping up with shoreline development issues and any adverse impacts that might result.

Since 1992, CSHH has coordinated local participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup, a worldwide effort to clean local beaches of trash that can harm wildlife and ultimately us. This year, because of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, all of our cleanup events were cancelled at a time when there seems to be more trash than ever. Disposable masks and rubber gloves quickly found their way onto our streets and beaches and into our waters. Birthday and graduation celebrations contributed to a very noticeable increase of mylar balloons on the water and along the shoreline, endangering wildlife.

The sense of responsibility for a cleanup remains, so the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor is holding the first ever Harbor Clean-a-Thon Bingo! **I'm excited to participate in this fun and necessary month-long cleanup project around the place that I love and call home, and I am asking for you to sponsor me in this endeavor—Harbor Clean-a-Thon Bingo!**

My goal is to collect enough trash to complete Bingo on my Bingo card! You can follow my progress through social media on Facebook @CSHHorg or on Instagram #coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.

You can sponsor me in this effort by donating to www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org; please note my name in the subject line. If you are unable to sponsor me at this time, please do your part to clean up trash wherever you find it—any amount you collect will make a difference.

Thank you for helping me help the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor!