## STATE OF NEW YORK COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY L-09-65

540 Broadway Albany, New York 12207

IN THE MATTER OF EXCELSIOR ADVOCATES, LLC LOBBYIST FOR ROCHESTER-REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

## NOTICE OF REASONABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to Executive Law §94(12)(a), the Commission on Public Integrity ("Commission") finds that there is sufficient evidence establishing reasonable cause to believe that Excelsior Advocates ("EA") knowingly and willfully violated Legislative Law §§1-e and1-h when it failed to timely file its 2007 Statement of Registration; failed to timely file it's amended 2008 Statement of Registration and failed to disclose compensation attributed towards lobbying activity on its 2007 January/February and 2008 March/April Bimonthly reports filed with the Commission.

As required by law, a copy of this notice is retained by the Commission for public inspection. Please be advised that pursuant to Legislative Law §1-o(b), a lobbyist, public corporation, or client who, following a hearing, is found to have knowingly and willfully failed to file a statement of registration or report within the time required for the filing of such report, shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount not to exceed the greater of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars or three times the amount the person failed to report properly or unlawfully contributed, expended, gave or received to be assessed by the Commission. In addition, any lobbyist who following a hearing, is found to have knowingly and willfully filed a false statement or report shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount not to exceed the greater of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars or five times the amount the person failed to report properly, to be assessed by the Commission

Dated: 12 -9-10

By:

Barry Ginsberg
Executive Director

Commission on Public Integrity