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Via email: [redacted]

Re: A License is Required to Solicit Home Improvement Work

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I write in reply to your inquiry asking whether a NYC Department of Consumer Affairs ("DCA" or "the Department") license is required to solicit home improvement work in NYC. The answer is yes.

Pursuant to §20-387 of the New York City Administrative Code ("the Code"), "[n]o person shall solicit. . .sell, perform or obtain a home improvement contract as a contractor or salesperson from a owner without a license. . ."

Your letter states that you will solicit solar installation work from consumers and then hire a sub-contractor to perform the installation work. Code section 20-386(2) defines home improvement work as "the construction. . .alteration. . .renovation. . .improvement" of a residence. The work you describe in your letter, the installation of solar improvements to a home, qualifies as home improvement work. Therefore, in order to solicit such business, a DCA Home Improvement Salesperson's license is required.

You may apply for a license on DCA's website: www.nyc.gov/consumers.

Sincerely,

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