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Legislators Earl And Wieder Denounce Interim Health Employment Ad Seeking ‘No Haitians’

New City (Oct. 19, 2015) – New City (Oct. 19, 2015) – Rockland County Legislators Aron B. Wieder (D-Spring Valley) and Toney L. Earl (D-Hillcrest) strongly condemn the Pennysaver ad taken out by Interim Healthcare Inc. that seeks a nurse, but explicitly states that "No Haitians" should apply for the job.

“Once again in Rockland County, we are seeing intolerance and discrimination rearing its ugly head,” Legislator Wieder said. “As in the past, when I spoke out against hatred aimed at one group of people in Rockland, I am doing so again today. This time to condemn this and all other similar sentiments that exist in our society.”

“There is no place in Rockland County or anywhere for such outright discrimination,” Legislator Earl said. “Rockland is home to so many Haitian-Americans who escaped persecution based on their backgrounds and beliefs. It is shameful and unacceptable for others to so blatantly discriminate against them in this county and in this country.”

Wieder also announced his support for previous requests that the New York State Attorney General investigate the job posting. He added that the entire company should be investigated for any other discriminatory ads or hiring practices that Interim Healthcare Inc. may have committed across the state.

“This ad is eerily similar to the signs posted in stores decades ago reading, 'Irish need not apply,'" Wieder said. “It was unacceptable then, and it is abominable to see this in print in 2015.”

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