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April 6, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
Executive Chamber  
Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

**Re: Redistricting reform**

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We, the undersigned, write to express our support for redistricting reform. We share your view that New York must establish an independent redistricting commission that would draw state legislative and congressional district boundaries according to fair and reasonable criteria while allowing for meaningful and effective public participation in the process.

We appreciate your commitment to ensure that redistricting reform affects the 2012 elections, as demonstrated by your February 17<sup>th</sup> introduction of the Redistricting Reform Act of 2011 and in your 2010 campaign policy book, *The New NY Agenda: A Plan for Action*.

**To underscore our commitment to this shared vision, we strongly support your decision to veto any district lines drawn without the fair and objective criteria contained in your legislation. We commit to oppose any effort to override your veto if such an effort is advanced in the Senate. Put simply, we will not vote to override your veto. We also strongly support redistricting reform legislation that adheres to the following principles:**

- The creation of a new fair and objective redistricting process that creates congressional and legislative district lines that do not favor or oppose any incumbent or political party and are driven by fair and objective criteria contained in the Redistricting Reform Act of 2011. This legislation contains even-handed and sensible redistricting guidelines and criteria that provide for fair and effective representation of all New Yorkers, including racial and language minority groups and would significantly lower the overall current population deviation from ten percent.
- Ensure adequate disclosure of population data and opportunities for public input into redistricting proceedings.



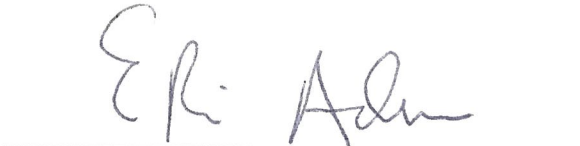
A number of bills currently introduced in the State Senate conform to these principles with few significant differences among them. These include your program bill S.3419, as well as S.3253 (Dilan), S.3254 (Dilan), S.2543 (Gianaris) and S.660 (Valesky). We support the general goals and principles embodied in these bills and will work to ensure redistricting reform occurs this legislative session so that your decision to veto district lines drawn in an inherently partisan process by the Legislature will not have to be exercised.

Sincerely,

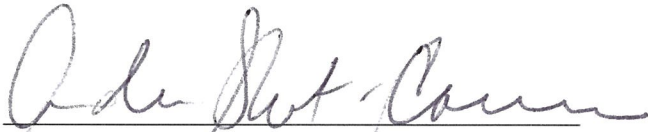


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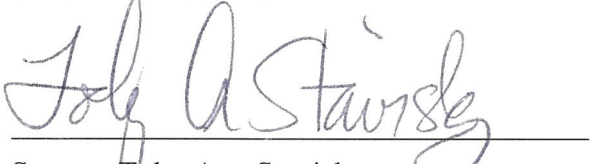
CC: Senator Dean Skelos, President Pro Tempore



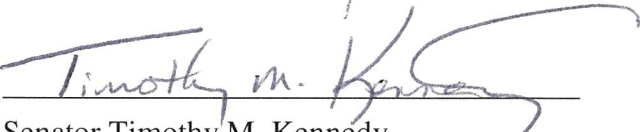
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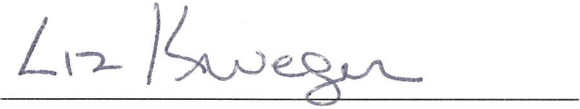
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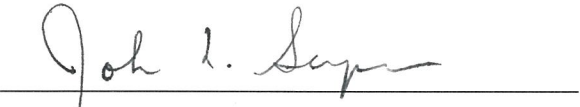
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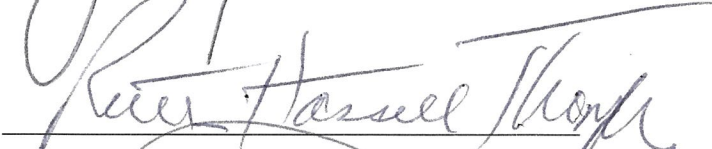
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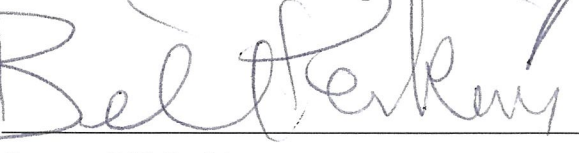
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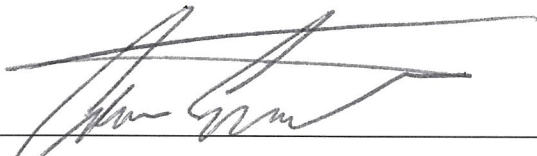
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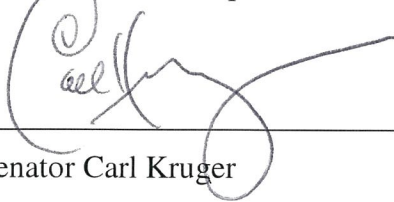
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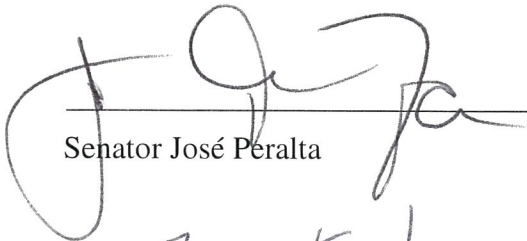
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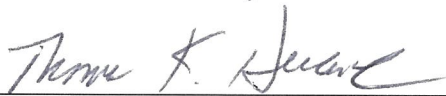
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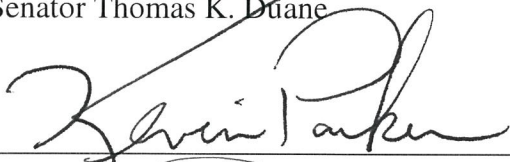
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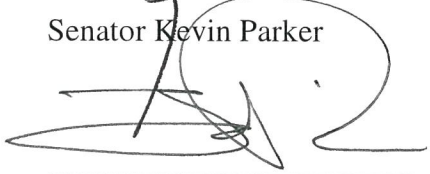
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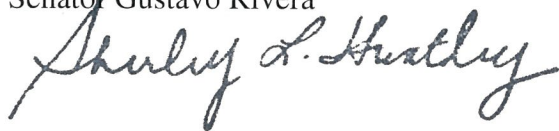
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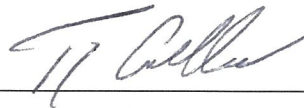
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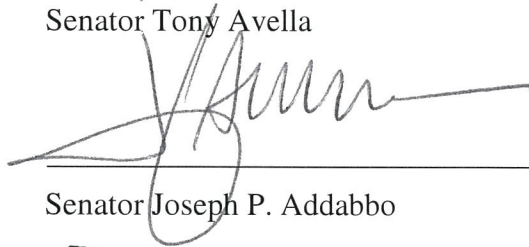
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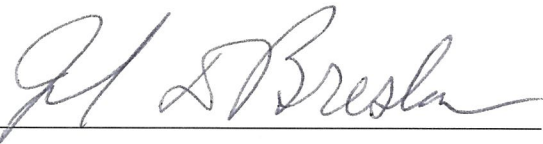
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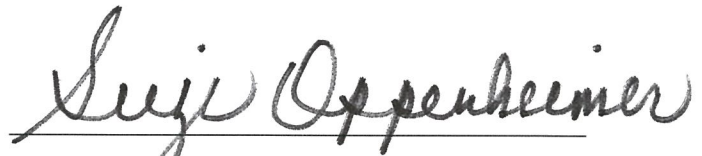
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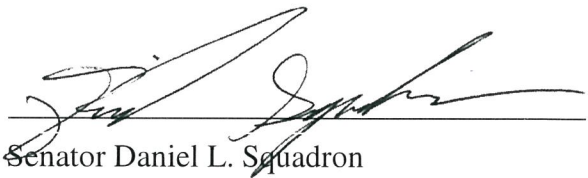
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Senator Daniel L. Squadron