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Once again, Governor Cuomo has put jobs and the growth of our economy at the top of his agenda by recommending Gil Quiniones to be the next President and CEO of the New York Power Authority. As NYPA's Chief Operating Officer for the past three years, Mr. Quiniones already possesses critical knowledge of how the agency works—and how it can work to create jobs and help grow the economy of Northern and Central New York.

Over the past few months, I have had ongoing discussions with NYPA officials concerning key issues that affect our communities. These discussions are already producing results, like helping to restart the stalled discussions between NYPA and the St. Lawrence RVRDA over the distribution of 20 megawatts of hydropower to stimulate economic and job growth in the region.

This weekend, I spoke with Mr. Quiniones to express my interest in continuing that productive dialogue, and invited him to meet with me.

There is clearly a new attitude at NYPA and, as a member of the Senate's Energy Committee, I look forward to working with Mr. Quiniones and members of the NYPA Board to build a relationship of

renewed trust, and produce results and new jobs for Upstate New York.