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Oppenheimer Applauds Governor's Broad Vision for 2012

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Senator stands ready to work with Governor on ambitious agenda to create jobs and restore aging infrastructure

Senator Suzi Oppenheimer (D-Mamaroneck) offered her strong support for Governor Andrew Cuomo's ambitious agenda to build a "new" New York in 2012. "Last year, we charted a new course in Albany, tackling tough issues and rebuilding public trust," said Oppenheimer, "and I am anxious to continue that progress."

The Senator applauded the Governor's economic blueprint to grow New York's economy and spur job creation. She noted that plans to accelerate capital investment in a rebuilt Tappan Zee Bridge and a new, state-of-the-art New York City convention center will create thousands of jobs in our greater metropolitan area. The Governor also pledged to speed the rebuilding of New York's aging bridges, roads and parks, a move that will produce jobs while ensuring that the state remains competitive and safe. "His private/public sector approach to economic development will allow the State to leverage its limited public infrastructure dollars to maximum benefit," said Oppenheimer.

Senator Oppenheimer also expressed support for the Governor's plan to "re-imagine government" through fundamental changes that will make all levels of government perform better and cost less. "Exercising fiscal discipline and closing our existing budget deficit will

not be easy,” noted Oppenheimer, “but I am committed to working with Governor Cuomo to accomplish this goal and to put into place long-term reforms that will bring meaningful mandate relief to school districts and local governments.” Senator Oppenheimer observed that the Governor’s Spending and Government Efficiency (SAGE) Commission has already proposed recommendations to modernize and consolidate government functions, achieving broad cost savings.

“I share the Governor’s view that the 2011 legislative session was among the most productive in our State’s history. But there is still much more to do. We must continue to build upon our earlier success to restore our economy and ensure prosperity for all New Yorkers.”