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The Honorable David A. Paterson  
State Capitol  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson:

We the undersigned write to urge you to sign the Public Authorities Reform Act of 2009. It will result in one of the most sweeping improvements of state government in a generation.

The purpose of this bill is to bring new measures of transparency and accountability to public authorities. As you know, New York's authorities have long-operated with minimal oversight. Abuses have been widespread. These public agencies are in need of serious, rational reform. That is why this legislation passed both houses of the legislature with overwhelming, bipartisan support. The bill reflects years of hard work and a thorough analysis by experts, including the bipartisan Millstein Commission. It has been widely-lauded by editorial boards and civic groups.

To be sure, those who benefit most greatly from the status quo always oppose reform. It is to be expected for entrenched powers to object to bill measures such as a clarified fiduciary duty and the prohibition of below market value disposal of real property. The notion that acting more diligently and responsibly will somehow hurt the public's bottom line is ludicrous. Such arguments are specious and collapse in the face of common sense. Please do not be persuaded.

Governor, you have traditionally been a voice for precisely the type of reform embodied by this legislation. This bill represents government that is more transparent and accountable. It is the right thing to do. With this bill you will be in a position to deliver for the people. Please do.

Respectfully,

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30<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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Senator Liz Krueger  
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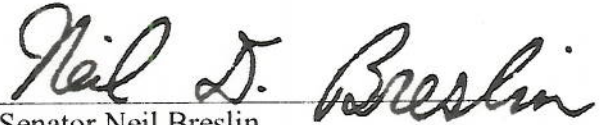
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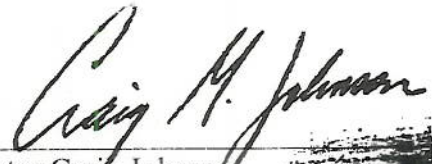
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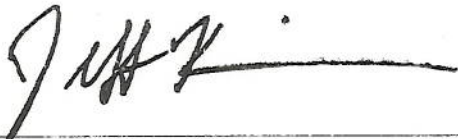
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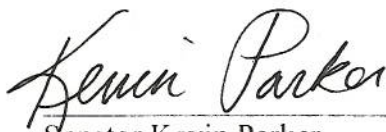
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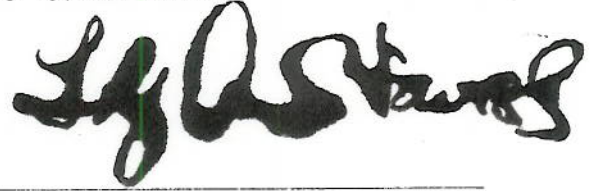
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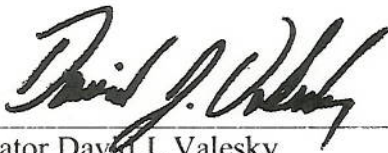
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