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May 13, 2010

The Honorable Neil Breslin
New York State Senate
State Capitol Room 502
Albany, NY 12247

The Honorable Diane J. Savino
512 Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12247

Dear Senators Breslin and Savino: *Neil*

I am writing to thank you for sponsoring Senate resolution J5224 which requested that Governor Paterson resubmit his emergency appropriation legislation without the provision that would institute furloughs for state employees because such furloughs were contrary to law and not reasonable or fiscally necessary.

As you know Judge Kahn granted our request for a temporary restraining order that prohibited the governor from instituting the furlough plan contained in Chapter 75 of the laws of 2010. In his ruling Judge Kahn cited your resolution as evidence that the Legislature did not believe that the Chapter 75 was reasonable and necessary to accomplish a legitimate public purpose; a factor critical to obtaining a temporary restraining order. Your resolution therefore made an important contribution to the Court's decision to protect State workers from this illegal furlough.

Thank you for standing up for public employees and taking an action that helped us stop the governor's illegal furlough plan. We look forward to continuing to work with you and the rest of the Legislature to find ways to achieve the savings the governor seeks from the workforce without causing undue and unnecessary economic harm to state employees and their communities.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Brynien
President

cc: Senator Sampson

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