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On behalf of the New York State Senate Majority, I welcome you to the 2011 New York State Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force Annual Somos Conference. This conference, highlighted by lectures, workshops and other educational tools, is a constructive way to learn about the most pressing issues facing those of Hispanic and Puerto Rican heritage, and to enact favorable solutions.

As the largest gathering of Puerto Rican and Hispanic civic and political leaders in the state, you are instrumental in advocating for the development and advancement of legislative action that impacts the Hispanic community in a positive way.

I am pleased to see that your agenda for this year's conference is focusing on empowering your communities by bringing together legislators, civic leaders, private citizens, non-profit representatives and young people.

These conferences are invaluable tools for energizing and exhilarating people. This annual conference helps to further develop the laws, policies and regulations that directly affect so many New Yorkers. By focusing on economic, social and political concerns now you will create solutions for tomorrow.

Again, I am pleased to welcome you to the Somos Conference. I wish you all the best, and I look forward to working together to create the most favorable solutions to issues facing all New Yorkers in the months and years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean G. Skeelos".

SENATOR DEAN G. SKELOS
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

