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May 8, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Bill de Blasio
Mayor of New York City
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

We thank you, your staff, and every New York City agency for their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic. We particularly appreciate recent efforts to provide face coverings for New Yorkers and your flexibility in exploring new sites for distribution.

As such, we would like to request that Roosevelt Island be included for scheduled mask distribution at a central location. Roosevelt Island is home to more than 11,000 New Yorkers, many of whom belong to populations vulnerable to COVID-19. We understand that Roosevelt Island is a special case, with a unique City and State partnership. Despite an absence of New York City parks on the island, Roosevelt Island has a great deal of parkland and other open spaces for distribution.

We understand the need to move quickly and distribute face coverings as broadly as possible, but it is critical that no neighborhood in our city is left out of these efforts. As always, we appreciate your collaboration and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the health and safety of all New Yorkers. If you would like to further discuss this matter, please reach out to my office at (917) 708-2050 or at serrano@nysenate.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of José M. Serrano in black ink.

José M. Serrano
State Senator

Handwritten signature of Gale A. Brewer in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of Rebecca A. Seawright in black ink.

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