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President Trump, Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi:

The Covid-19 virus continues to decimate the health of Americans, as well as our economy, and no one has suffered more than New York. With the most infections and Covid-related deaths in the United States, we face an economic crisis that threatens not only our state, but the nation as well.

But New York's motto is "excelsior," Latin for "ever upward." We fight our fights head-on. Always have. That is why after Sandy we committed to aggressively investing in a green economy, committing billions of dollars to renewable energy projects, energy efficiency programs and clean water infrastructure.

Now these plans are more important than ever to provide stimulus to our cratering economy. This unprecedented investment in our green economy is poised to create thousands of new jobs and billions of dollars in desperately needed economic activity. Our growing green economy already employs nearly 20,000 New Yorkers who work in renewable power generation and more than 125,000 who work in energy efficiency.

Those numbers were projected to increase significantly in 2020, according to the U.S. Energy and Employment Report. And there is room for even more growth with additional public and private investment. But federal support to keep this critical momentum going is essential now.

That is why we are asking you to immediately commit to re-authorizing several key federal green economy programs, as well as new aid. These initiatives will not just result in a stronger New York—they will result in a stronger national economy. And they won't just help provide stimulus now—they will strengthen our economy for decades while preventing the avoidable costs associated with aging, inefficient energy and environmental infrastructure.

Specifically, we ask that you immediately work to:

- Renew the Renewable Electricity Production Tax Credit
- Extend and expand the Business Energy Investment Tax Credit

- Renew and expand energy tax credits for electric vehicles, residential renewable energy and solar panels, and residential energy-efficient improvements
- Encourage the offering of additional lease space for offshore wind by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- Invest in renewable and green energy projects and clean water infrastructure

Through its actions over the last few years, New York sent a signal to the renewable industry that it is open for business. Our state is transitioning away from fossil fuels and instead, we are focused on retooling our energy and being on the ground floor for a green economic revelation.

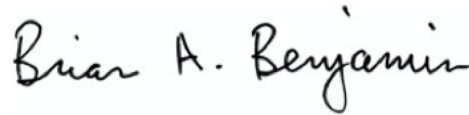
New York sees the opportunity and the need for a strong green economy in this time of great crisis. The federal government cannot stymie our effort to create jobs while shoring up our infrastructure. In fact, it should do all it can to support New Yorkers' economy and our environment at this critical moment.

Please act swiftly on our requests so that we can come out of the Covid-19 crisis stronger than before and more prepared for a prosperous, green future for New York.

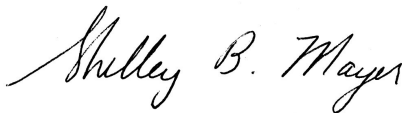
Sincerely,



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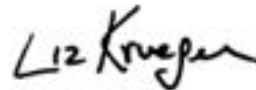
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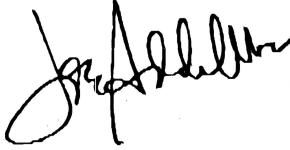
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Senator, 10th District

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Brian Kavanagh
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