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Honorable Liz Krueger
Chair, New York State Senate Finance Committee
416 Capitol Albany, NY 12247

Honorable Helene E. Weinstein
Chair, New York State Assembly Ways and Means Committee
LOB 923 Albany, NY 12248

Re: Support for Plastic Waste Advanced Recycling

Dear Chairperson Krueger, Chairperson Weinstein and Members of the Joint Budget Committee:

ExxonMobil shares society's concerns about plastic waste in the environment and is taking action to help address this challenge. We are developing products that are more easily recycled, supporting improvements in plastic waste recovery, minimizing plastic pellet loss from our operations, and investing in plastic waste advanced recycling facilities around the world.

Advanced recycling refers to a game-changing set of technologies, including pyrolysis and co-processing, which converts plastic waste into raw materials for the manufacturing of virgin-quality certified circular polymers.

Advanced recycling complements traditional mechanical recycling. Where practicable, plastic that is easily recycled, cleaned and sorted can be mechanically recycled. Advanced recycling, on the other hand, can be used to recycle more complex mixtures of plastic waste that are challenging or expensive to sort. In addition, advanced recycling converts used plastic into raw materials that can be used to produce certified circular polymers which can then be used safely in critical applications such as food preservation, clean water, medical and health applications. Advanced recycling complements traditional mechanical recycling and together can be used to expand plastic waste recycling and create a more circular economy.

In 2021, ExxonMobil began initial operations of an advanced recycling facility in Baytown, Texas, and has already processed 2,000 tons of used plastic, which is the equivalent of 400 million plastic bags. Later this year, this facility will be expanded to an annual capacity of 30,000 metric tons with opportunity for further expansion, making it one of North America's largest advanced plastic waste recycling facilities. By 2026, ExxonMobil plans to expand its advanced recycling capacity globally to 500,000 metric tons of plastic waste per year with additional facilities in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia.

As ExxonMobil and the broader industry grow advanced recycling capacity, there will need to be effective policy supporting this valuable technology. Additionally, there are infrastructure improvements needed for the collection and sortation of plastic waste, as well as increased consumer education and community access to recycling programs.

To that end, ExxonMobil supports S.7891, sponsored by Senator John Mannion, that would enable advanced recycling in New York. We respectfully request that the language of the bill be added to Section RR (Extended Producer Responsibility Section) in the Governor's Budget. Doing so will help develop an effective regulatory framework for advanced recycling in New York that will spur investment in this technology, generating jobs and tax revenue. Moreover, advanced recycling will help New York achieve a circular economy and close the loop on plastics.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew V. Sinclair".

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