



September 18, 2025

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Request for clarification following your endorsement of NYC Mayoral Candidate Zohran Mamdani

Governor Hochul,

Following your recent endorsement of New York City mayoral frontrunner Zohran Mamdani, New Yorkers deserve to know where you stand on several consequential pieces of legislation associated with Mr. Mamdani.

With the legislative session fast approaching, your public support for Mr. Mamdani may reasonably be interpreted as an endorsement of the policies he champions. The people of New York therefore have a right to know whether you support or oppose the specific legislative proposals listed below.

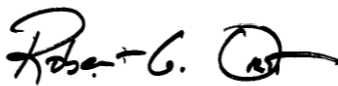
Legislation sponsored or co-sponsored by Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani:

- **A.6101 / S.606** - Prohibits not-for-profit corporations from supporting Israel.
- **A.127 / S.159** – Dramatically changes the parole system by requiring the Parole Board to release inmates to parole unless there is a current and unreasonable risk of reoffending.
- **A.514 / S.454** - Mandates parole hearings for every inmate age 55+ who has served at least 15 years, regardless of offense.
- **A.676 / S.1439** - Imposes a new tax on long-term capital gains.
- **A.1085 / S.342** – Allows prisoners, including violent felons, to serve only 25% of their prison sentence.
- **A.1281 / S.1622** - Increases the state income tax.
- **A.1297 / S.1209** - Eliminates mandatory minimum prison sentences.

- **A.4916 / S.7617** - Authorizes taxpayer-funded injection sites for illegal drugs.
- **A.4929 / S.3600** - Decriminalizes possession of controlled substances.
- **A.6990 / S.6222** - Provides \$2,550 in taxpayer funds to inmates upon release from prison.

As the Legislature prepares for the upcoming session, New Yorkers and their elected representatives deserve clarity about whether your endorsement signals that you will be championing the agenda described above at the state level. Please advise whether you support or oppose each of the pieces of legislation.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Ort
Senate Minority Leader
62nd District



Senator Andrew Lanza
24th District



Senator Steve Chan
17th District



Senator Jack M. Martins
7th District



Senator Patricia Canzoneri Fitzpatrick
9th District



Senator Alexis Weik
8th District



Senator Steve Rhoads
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Senator Mario Mattera
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Senator Anthony Palumbo
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Senator William Weber
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39th District



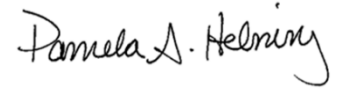
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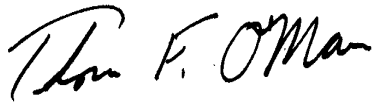
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Senator George Borrello
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Senator Pam Helming
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Senator Tom O'Mara
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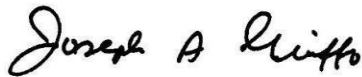
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43rd District



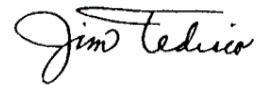
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45th District



Senator Joseph Griffo
53rd District



Senator Jim Tedisco
44th District