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GEORGE D. MAZIARZ Senator, 62nd District

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo 2nd Floor, Executive Chamber Capitol Building Albany NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I was pleased to learn from your announcement earlier today with Vice-President Biden, that in partnership with the Federal Government, you are launching a \$16 billion initiative to strengthen state infrastructure, housing and emergency response systems. This investment is much-needed throughout the state due to the increasing frequency of major storms and the problems that result from them, particularly flooding.

Of particular interest in my district is the \$1.6 billion in funding that you announced for planned improvements to wastewater treatment facilities. As you know, the wastewater treatment plants in the cities of Niagara Falls and Lockport were damaged and disabled by the severe storms that took place in Niagara County on June 28th and July 19th. As a result of this damage, both wastewater treatment plants are in need of major repairs and upgrades.

I write to request that you allocate money from the \$1.6 billion fund that was announced earlier today to assist the cities of Niagara Falls and Lockport in rebuilding and improving their wastewater treatment plants. This money is urgently needed in order to ensure that the health and safety of the citizens of my district is protected, and also that the wastewater treatment facilities in Lockport and Niagara Falls are better prepared to meet the challenges that future dangerous weather patterns may present.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely Sepator George láziarz 62nd Senate District

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