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April 3, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
New York State Capitol Building  
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Governor Cuomo,

As we work together to combat the growing public health threat presented by COVID-19, I need to express my strong opposition to your decision to seize vitally needed ventilators and PPE from hospitals in upstate New York for use downstate.

Each and every day, I have watched you warn us that these infections will spread and expand throughout the entire state. Yet, despite this dire warning, you will be taking life-saving equipment needed to address this public health crisis.

Erie County has quickly become one of upstate New York's hardest hit areas and the rate of infection is increasing rapidly. As such, all available resources in this region of the state will likely be needed as neighboring counties' health care facilities assist and see their own rates rise as well.

Additionally, you have now begun to move patients into upstate areas, which also necessitates keeping our resources available locally. We must have the tools needed to care for them.

I urge you to reverse this decision and show that you care for *all* New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George M. Borrello".

Senator George M. Borrello  
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