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Hon. Kathy Hochul
New York State Lt. Governor
Capital Building
Albany, New York 12246

Re: Restarting New York
Proposed Business Sector Analysis

Dear Lt. Governor Hochul:

In evaluating the schedule for reopening business sectors, we would recommend that manufacturing, all retail, low density office work, construction, sole proprietors and small businesses, and low density businesses and activities restart first based on their lower inherent risks to customers and employees and the ability of those businesses to mitigate those risks. Higher risk business sectors include entertainment venues, adult day care services, high density businesses, and mass transit, which should be phased in over time based on regional infection rates, occupancy restrictions, and safety protocols. Church services have a special Constitutionally protected status, and should reopen as soon as possible with reasonable safety protocols. Our more detailed analysis is attached.

We appreciate Governor's Cuomo's 12 point approach to evaluating when a region should restart, but would make the following recommendations:

1. **Hospital rates** should be **stable** or declining for 14 days **and** there should be a 30% capacity available in the event of any surge. It is not necessary that the hospital rates be declining if they are stable and there is adequate capacity. In Chautauqua County, for example, there was no-one hospitalized from April 8th – April 26th, when a patient was again admitted, with local hospital capacity virtually unused.
2. **Contact tracing** capacity should be based on the infection rate, not the total population. A requirement of 30 contact tracers for every 100,000 residents is too high for those counties with very few infections. For example, this would require Rockland County with 311,000 residents and 11,453 confirmed cases would have 93 contact tracers, or one contact tracer for every 123 confirmed cases. In Chautauqua County, this requirement would result 7½ contact tracers for every active case. We recommend 30 contact tracers per 100,000 residents or at least two contact tracers for every confirmed active case, whichever is less.

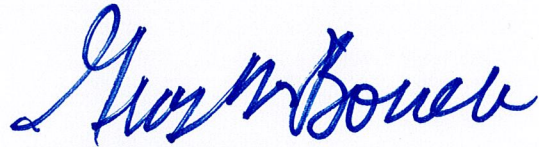
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We hope these comments are helpful. As you know, it is critical that we move as quickly and as thoughtfully as possible to safely restart our economy.

Sincerely yours,



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