

THE SENATE  
STATE OF NEW YORK



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Senator, 59th District

July 27, 2022

Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor  
New York State Capitol  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, New York 12224

**Re. Interest Assessment Surcharge**

Dear Governor Hochul:

It has been brought to our attention that your administration, via the New York State Department of Labor, recently issued a temporary charge on the Unemployment Insurance accounts of businesses across New York, known as the Interest Assessment Surcharge (IAS). This surcharge is likely to be burdensome financially for businesses, at a time when the cost of doing business has increased exponentially.

As you know, the FY 2023 enacted state budget included an appropriation of \$250 million (see Chapter 50 of the laws of 2022), to specifically cover costs related to the interest owed on the outstanding loan balance from the federal government to the New York State Unemployment Trust Fund. Importantly, this fiscal year's enacted state budget also includes more than \$10 billion in discretionary reserves.

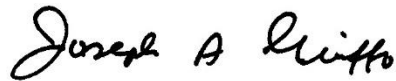
It is incumbent that you take action immediately to insulate businesses, both large and small, from this surcharge by directing the Department to cease and desist with the issuance of IAS bills and instead cover the interest payments with either excess revenue or existing reserves.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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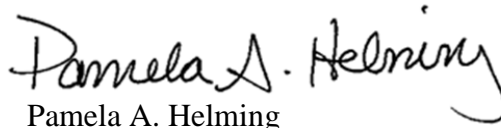
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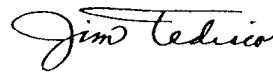
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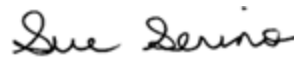
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