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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write in strong support of Saratoga County's ongoing effort to acquire 2,000 to 5,000 COVID-19 testing kits from New York State. As of Saturday, April 25, there have been 4,603 people tested in Saratoga County, which has approximately 230,000 residents. Without question, there is a clear and compelling need to ramp up local testing.

Saratoga County has already identified a location for a potential testing site, can provide security, and has some medical staff readily available to assist with the implementation of this testing. However, Saratoga County would need state support with nursing staff, PPE, and further guidance from the state. Also, the inclusion of an antibody testing site would be most welcome for Saratoga County as we continue moving forward.

Governor, Saratoga County's frontline emergency services, health care, and first responder personnel have worked tirelessly throughout this crisis, always going above and beyond the call of duty and putting themselves at risk to protect and serve others. The provision of these requested resources – COVID-19 test kits, PPE, nursing staff, state guidance, and antibody testing – will help Saratoga County succeed in its vital mission of protecting the health, safety, and wellbeing of all County residents from the Coronavirus.

Thank you for your attention to our request made on behalf of the Saratoga County families that we proudly serve and represent.

Sincerely,

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