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Senator,

The people of the state of New York are facing a federal government that has become committed in its efforts to rollback vital health and safety protections, and undermine basic freedoms that New Yorkers have long taken for granted.

It is time that State Senate Democrats work together to confront this challenge head on.

Whatever differences we may have, the members of our two conferences share certain core beliefs rooted in fairness, tolerance and inclusion--beliefs that are currently under attack from the Trump administration. To meet this challenge, we need to work together to advance a shared progressive vision that achieves a number of long-overdue legislative goals.

That is why the eight members of the Independent Democratic Conference are asking the Democratic Minority Conference to join us to ensure that we have the 32 votes necessary to make history and enact legislation that ensures basic protections for the people of our state.

We are reaching out to you, and all Senate Democrats, to secure a pledge and commitment from 32 Senate Democrats to join us in our effort to make this legislative program a reality:

#### **Democratic Unity Pledge**

- Single Payer Health Care guaranteeing health coverage for all New Yorkers (S.4840)
- Ensured access to affordable contraceptive choices with the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act (S.3668)
- DREAM Act, which will open the doors of higher education to every New York child (S.471A)

- Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act protecting New Yorkers from discrimination and hate crimes based on gender identity or expression (S.502)
- Codification of Roe v. Wade with the Reproductive Health Act (S.2796)
- Protection of public funds for Title X family planning and preventive health care services
- Campaign Finance Reform with public financing of all state-level elections

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It is more important than ever that all elected Democrats work together to advance shared progressive goals. Please sign the pledge and return to 913 LOB or send your electronic signature to [jd Klein@nysenate.gov](mailto:jd Klein@nysenate.gov).

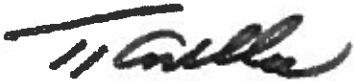
Sincerely,



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