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The Honorable Kathleen C. Hochul Lieutenant Governor State of New York New York State Capitol Building Albany, New York 12224

Dear Lieutenant Governor Hochul:

Thank for your hard work and leadership during this unprecedented crisis facing our State. As the negative impact of the coronavirus on our state and local economy continues to worsen, I am pleased that the administration has recognized the greater value in a regional approach to reopening New York State's economy.

I want to extend my willingness to work with you and assist in this effort in any way I can be helpful. To that end, I believe it is imperative that your Western New York re-opening efforts include representation from actual private sector business owners directly impacted by the current shut down. Likewise, the representation of industry sectors should be diverse as well and include those that are vital to our current economic footprint such as manufacturing and agriculture. Local chambers of commerce can provide a much-needed perspective and will serve as a natural conduit of information to our local business owners. I hope you will consider their leaders for participation as well.

Our people and our businesses are hurting, and it is my belief that it is time to start re-opening our economy. I believe with a thoughtful plan, we can re-open in a way that enhances the health and safety of our community, while enhancing and accelerating the recovery our constituents are desperate for. I look forward to working with you in this effort.

Sincerely,

Senator Chris Jacobs

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